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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING ON A CLOSURE PLAN AMENDMENT, CORRECTIVE MEASURES STUDY, AND DRAFT POST-CLOSURE CARE PERMIT FOR THE CHEMICAL WASTE LANDFILL AT SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed is a **Public Notice** extending the public comment period regarding the draft Post-Closure Care Permit for the Sandia National Laboratories (the Facility) Chemical Waste Landfill (CWL) to receive additional public comment. The initial 60-day public comment period was from May 21, 2007 through July 20, 2007. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received comments and requests to extend the comment period on this action. The NMED is extending the comment period to received comments through **5:00 p.m. MDT on August 20, 2007**.

The enclosed Public Notice provides locations where the Administrative Record, including the Permit Application, draft Permit, proposed Chapter 12 Closure Plan amendment, CMS Report, Fact Sheet, and supporting documentation can be reviewed, and provides procedures for submitting comments and requesting a public hearing. Comments and requests for public hearing will be received through **5:00 p.m. MDT on August 20, 2007**.

Any person seeking additional information regarding this notice may contact:

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Sincerely,

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**NOTICE OF EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST
A PUBLIC HEARING ON A CLOSURE PLAN AMENDMENT, CORRECTIVE MEASURES
STUDY, AND DRAFT POST-CLOSURE CARE PERMIT FOR THE CHEMICAL WASTE
LANDFILL AT SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES
EPA ID NO. NM5890110518**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued a public notice on May 21, 2007 for the draft Post-Closure Care Permit, Closure Plan amendment and Corrective Measures Study for the Sandia National Laboratories Chemical Waste Landfill (CWL) announcing a 60-day comment period that ended July 20, 2007. NMED received comments requesting an extension to the comment period. NMED hereby extends the public comment period through **5:00 p.m. MDT on August 20, 2007**, to receive additional comment on this action.

**PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT PERMIT, CLOSURE PLAN AMENDMENT, AND
CORRECTIVE MEASURES STUDY REPORT**

The Administrative Record for this proposed action consists of the permit application, draft Permit, the Chapter 12 Closure Plan amendment, the CWL Closure Plan and related documents, as amended, the CMS Report, the Public Notices, Fact Sheet, and other supporting documentation. The Administrative Record may be reviewed, with prior appointment, at the following location during the public comment period.

NMED - Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303
Phone: (505) 476-6000
Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Contact: *Pam Allen*

In addition, the draft Permit, the Public Notices, the Chapter 12 Closure Plan amendment, the CMS Report, and Fact Sheet may be reviewed, with prior appointment, at the following location during the public comment period.

NMED District 1 Office - Hazardous Waste Bureau
5500 San Antonio Avenue, NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
Phone: (505) 222-9543
Mondays - Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Cornelius Amindyas

A copy of the draft Permit, the Chapter 12 Closure Plan amendment, the CMS Report, the Public Notices, and Fact Sheet, are also available on the NMED website at www.nmenv.state.nm.us/HWB/snlperm.html under Draft Chemical Waste Landfill Permit. To obtain a copy of the Administrative Record or a portion thereof, please contact Ms. Pam Allen at (505) 476-6000, or at address given above. NMED will provide copies, or portions thereof, of the Administrative Record at a cost to the requestor.

NMED issues this public notice extending the comment period through **August 20, 2007**, to receive additional comments. Any person who wishes to comment on the draft Permit, Closure Plan amendment, or CMS Report, or request a public hearing should submit written or electronic mail (e-mail) comment(s) with the commenter's name and address to the respective address below. Only comments and/or requests received before **5:00 p.m. MDT on August 20, 2007** will be considered.

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Written comments must be based on reasonably available information and include, to the extent practicable, all referenced factual materials. Documents in the administrative record need not be re-submitted if expressly referenced by the commenter. Requests for a public hearing shall provide: (1) a clear and concise factual statement of the nature and scope of the interest of the person requesting the hearing; (2) the name and address of all persons whom the requestor represents; (3) a statement of any objections to the draft Permit, Closure Plan amendment, or CMS Report including specific references to any conditions being addressed; and (4) a statement of the issues which the commenter proposes to raise for consideration at the hearing. Written comment and requests for Public Hearing must be filed with Mr. John Kieling on or before **5:00 p.m. MDT, August 20, 2007**. If the Secretary grants a hearing NMED will provide a thirty (30) day notice of a public hearing.

NMED must ensure that the approved draft Permit, Closure Plan amendment, and selection of a remedy from the CMS are consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. All written comments submitted will be considered in formulating a final decision and may cause the draft Permit, Closure Plan amendment, or remedy selection to be modified. The Department will respond in writing to all public comments. This response will specify which provisions, if any, of the draft Permit, Closure Plan amendment, or remedy selection have been changed in the final decision and the reasons for the changes, and briefly describe and respond to all public comments raised during the public comment period. All persons presenting written comments or who requested notification in writing will be notified of the decision by mail. These responses will also be posted on the Department's website.

After consideration of all the written public comments received, NMED will issue, or modify and issue, the Permit, Closure Plan amendment, and remedy selection. The Applicants shall be provided by mail a copy of any relevant modified documents and a detailed written statement of reasons for the modifications.

The Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department will make the final decision publicly available and shall notify the Applicants by certified mail. The Secretary's decision shall constitute a final agency decision and may be appealed as provided by the Hazardous Waste Act (Chapter 74, Article 4 NMSA 1978).

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Persons having a disability and requiring assistance or auxiliary aid to participate in this process should contact Judy Bentley at the New Mexico Environment Department, Human Resources Bureau, P.O. Box 26110, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502, telephone number: (505) 827-9872. TDY users please access her number via the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-8331.