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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 02-01**

**NOTICE OF INTENT**  
**TO ISSUE AN ORDER TO US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY/LOS ALAMOS**  
**NATIONAL LABORATORY NEW MEXICO EPA ID NO. NM0890010515**  
**MAY 2, 2002**

Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is a contractor-operated research facility under the administration of the United States Department of Energy and is the site of research and development for the first atomic bomb. LANL has been in operation since the early 1940's.

Throughout its history, LANL has conducted experimental research on the production of nuclear weapons and explosive materials and has generated and disposed of on-site a variety of hazardous, radioactive and solid wastes. Disposal activities at LANL started in the early 1940's and some continue to the present day.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is issuing an Order to LANL pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§ 74-4-10.1 and 74-4-13 of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act. The Order contains investigation and cleanup requirements and a schedule for implementation at LANL. NMED is inviting the public to submit written comments on the Order during a sixty (60) day public comment period. The Order may be reviewed at the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau located at 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303. Procedures for submitting comments and a copy of the Order are also available at the NMED website: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/HWB/pubnotice.html>. Comments will be received through **5:00 p.m., July 1, 2002.**

In addition, public informational meetings will be held from **6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**, at the Northern New Mexico Community College, Center for Arts Amphitheater, 921 Paseo de Oñate, Espanola, on **May 21, 2002**; at the Jemez Springs High School Gymnasium, 8501 Highway 4, Jemez Pueblo on **May 23, 2002**; at the Smith Auditorium, Los Alamos High School, 1400 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos on **May 28, 2002** and at the Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe on **May 30, 2002**. These meetings will provide information as to the general content and organization of the Order. NMED personnel will be available to answer questions to clarify the content of the Order. NMED will not accept oral comments at these meetings, although members of the public may submit written comments at that time. NMED will issue the final Order after considering all written comments received. For additional information, please contact Hazardous Waste Bureau at (505) 428-2500.