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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
FOR THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL) ORDER
ISSUED BY THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

1. How long is the public comment period?

The public comment period is 60 days, beginning on May 2, 2002 and ending on July 1, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. MDT.

2. How can I comment on the Order?

Comments must be submitted in writing to the following address by the deadline listed above:

James P. Bearzi, Chief
Hazardous Waste Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
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Ref: Los Alamos National Laboratory Facility Order

Although oral comments and questions are part of the meetings, oral comments and questions will not be recorded and placed into the administrative record. The New Mexico Environment Department will respond formally to written comments only. Written comments and their answers will be placed in the administrative record.

3. What will happen to my written comments if they are received by the New Mexico Environment Department after the deadline?

Only written comments received by the New Mexico Environment Department (the Department) by July 1, 2002 will be considered.

4. Can I submit comment anonymously?

No. The Department will only consider comments containing the commentator's name and address. Comments submitted anonymously will not be considered.

5. What is the Administrative Record?

The Administrative Record includes the Order; the Fact Sheet; a public notice; a finding, as defined by state regulations (NMSA 74-4-13), that a potential for imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment may exist at the LANL facility; historical documentation of laboratory operations; investigation and monitoring data; investigation reports; related correspondence; and other documents pertaining to the LANL Facility.

6. Can I review the Administrative Record for the LANL Facility?

Yes. The documents that comprise the administrative record may be reviewed during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the following address:

New Mexico Environment Department
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7. Other than the Hazardous Waste Bureau, where else can I review the Order?

The text of the Order, Fact Sheet, Imminent and Substantial Endangerment finding, and Public Notice are also available at the Mesa Library located at 2400 Central Avenue, Los, Alamos, New Mexico [(505) 662-8253] and on the Department web page at:

<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/HWB/pubnotice.html>

8. How can I obtain a copy of the administrative record?

To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, contact the Hazardous Waste Bureau at the address listed above.

9. Is there a charge to obtain documents from the Administrative Record?

The Department will provide members of the public up to 80 pages of the administrative record free of charge. Thereafter the Department will charge a copy fee of \$0.25 per page due upon receipt of the requested documents. A copy of the Order may also be obtained from Kinko's located at: 730 St. Michaels Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico [(505) 473-7303]. Kinko's will charge a fee of \$20.32 plus tax (\$0.08 per page) for a complete copy of the Order.

10. Will the Department answer questions regarding the Order?

The Department is holding four informational meetings to answer questions and clarify content of the Order. The meetings will be held between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the following locations:

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| May 21, 2002: | Center for Arts Amphitheater, Northern New Mexico Community College, 921 Paseo de Oñate, Española, New Mexico. |
| May 23, 2002 | Jemez Springs High School Gymnasium, Jemez Springs High School, 8501 Highway 4, Jemez Springs, New Mexico. |
| May 28, 2002 | Smith Auditorium, Los Alamos High School, 1400 Diamond Drive. Los Alamos, New Mexico. |
| May 30, 2002 | Runnels Auditorium, Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico. |

11. Who do I call if I have questions about the LANL Order?

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Hazardous Waste Bureau at (505) 428-2500 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. (MDT) Monday through Friday.