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SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE IN THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY COMPLIANCE ORDER ON CONSENT

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed is a **Public Notice** regarding the proposed changes to the schedule in the Compliance Order on Consent between the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), the United States Department of Energy (DOE), and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS).

LANL is owned by DOE and is co-operated by the DOE and LANS (collectively, the Permittees). The Permittees are located at the following address: DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Los Alamos Site Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544.

The enclosed Public Notice provides locations where the documents for this action can be reviewed and provides procedures for submitting comments. In addition, NMED will hold a public meeting on **December 7, 2006** at the Cities of Gold Hotel, at 10-A Cities of Gold Road, from **7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** Public comments will be received through **5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2007.**

Any person seeking additional information regarding this notice may contact either:

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Sincerely,

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 06-17

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
November 27, 2006

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE FOR THE COMPLIANCE ORDER
ON CONSENT FOR LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID NO. NM0890010515**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is today releasing for public review and comment the proposed changes to the schedule in the March 1, 2005 Compliance Order on Consent (Order) for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The changes made to the schedule reflect extensions to submittal dates granted by NMED in response to requests from LANL and automatic time extensions related to additional review time required by NMED in accordance with Section III.M.2 of the Order. NMED invites the public to comment on changes made to the Order, Table XII-1 Closure Milestone Schedule, Table XII-2 Schedule of Deliverables by Watershed and Table XII-3 Schedule of Deliverables by Calendar Year.

The Order requires the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS; or its successor) to conduct a laboratory-wide investigation and cleanup of contamination at LANL pursuant to schedules set forth in the Order. LANL covers approximately 40 square miles of federal land located on the Pajarito Plateau in Los Alamos County in north-central New Mexico, approximately 60 miles north-northeast of Albuquerque and 25 miles northwest of Santa Fe.

LANL is a research laboratory owned by DOE and co-operated with LANS. The Facility began operations in 1943 when the United States Army Manhattan Engineer District was established for the research and development of the atomic bomb. The principal mission of LANL includes the research, design, development, and analysis of weapons components for the nation's nuclear arsenal. Current and historic operations include nuclear physics; hydrodynamics; conventional explosives; chemistry; metallurgy; radiochemistry; biology; medium-energy physics; space nuclear systems; controlled thermonuclear fusion; laser research; environmental research; geothermal, soil, and fossil energy research; nuclear safeguards; biomedical research; space physics; electrical research and development; laser design and development; and photographic processing.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

Availability of Information on the Proposed Changes to the Order. The documents that comprise this action consist of the Order; the proposed Tables XII-1, XII-2, and XII-3 indicating the changes of the dates; and this Public Notice. These documents can be reviewed on the NMED website at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwb/lanlperm.html> under Order on Consent – Proposed Schedule Changes

(2006) and at the following location:

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Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Pam Allen

Comment Period and Environment Department Contact: The NMED issued a public notice on **November 27, 2006**, to announce the beginning of a 60-day comment period that will end at **5:00 P.M., January 26, 2007**. Any person who wishes to comment on this action should submit written or electronic mail (e-mail) comment(s) with the commenter's name and address to the address below. Only comments received on or before **5:00 P.M., January 26, 2007** will be considered.

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Reference: Order on Consent – Proposed Schedule Changes (2006)

In addition, a public informational meeting will be held on **December 7, 2006** at the Cities of Gold Hotel, at 10-A Cities of Gold Road, from **7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** The meeting will provide information regarding the proposed changes to the schedules in the Order. The public will be afforded the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed schedule changes and will be able to submit written comments at that time. For additional information, please contact the Hazardous Waste Bureau at (505) 428-2500.

Arrangements for Persons with Disabilities: Any person with a disability requiring assistance or auxiliary aid to participate in this process should contact Judy Bentley at the following address: New Mexico Environment Department, Room N-4030, P.O. Box 26110, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-6110, (505) 827-9872. TDD or TDY users please access Judy Bentley's number via the New Mexico Relay Network. Albuquerque users may access Ms. Bentley's number at (505) 275-7333.