



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 24-03

**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
JUNE 14, 2024**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY/ NATIONAL
TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS OF SANDIA, LLC'S MIXED WASTE LANDFILL
SECOND FIVE-YEAR REPORT FOR SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES
EPA ID# NM5890110518**

The New Mexico Environment Department issues for public comment the Sandia National Laboratories Mixed Waste Landfill Second Five-Year Report. The Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) approved a remedy for corrective measures for Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 76, Mixed Waste Landfill (MWL) at Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) in a Final Order dated May 26, 2005. The May 2005 Final Order established the requirement for a five-year report assessing the remedy performance for the MWL. SNL is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy (NNSA/DOE) and operated by National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC (NTESS) (collectively, the Permittees). The Permittees are located at the following addresses: NTESS, 1515 Eubank SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123; and NNSA/DOE, Sandia Field Office, KAFB-East, Pennsylvania & H Street, Albuquerque, NM 87116. The Permittee's primary contact for this action is Dr. Adria Bodour, NNSA/Sandia Field Office, DOE, P.O. Box 5400, MS-0184, Albuquerque, NM 87185.

The MWL is a 2.6-acre SWMU located in the north-central portion of Technical Area-III approximately five miles southeast of the Albuquerque International Sunport. The MWL was used as a disposal area for low level radioactive waste, hazardous waste, and mixed waste generated at SNL/NM research facilities and offsite locations from March 1959 to December 1988. In the May 2005 Final Order, the NMED selected a vegetative soil cover with a biointrusion barrier (i.e., evapotranspiration [ET] cover) as the remedy for the MWL that includes unsaturated zone and groundwater monitoring. On January 8, 2014 NMED approved the MWL Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (LTMMP), which started the first five-year evaluation period.

NMED received the MWL Second Five-Year Report in December 2023. The May 2005 Final Order requires that NMED provide a process whereby members of the public may comment on the MWL Second Five-Year Report and its conclusions and respond to those comments in its final approval of the MWL Second Five-Year Report.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

The Administrative Record for this proposed action consists of the SNL MWL Second Five-Year Report, this Public Notice, the January 2019 MWL Five-Year Report, the May 2005 Final Order, the LTMMP, the MWL Annual Long-Term and Maintenance Monitoring Reports, and the referenced supporting documentation. The complete Administrative Record may be reviewed at the following location during the public comment period with prior appointment:

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

A copy of the Public Notice and the MWL Second Five-Year Report are available electronically on the NMED website at: www.env.nm.gov/hazardous-waste/snl-mwl-2/.

Any person seeking additional information regarding this notice or the MWL Second Five-Year Report may contact:

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To obtain a copy of the Administrative Record or a portion thereof, in addition to further information, please contact Ms. Naomi Gonzalez at (505) 476-6000, or at the Santa Fe address given above. NMED will provide copies, or portions thereof, of the Administrative Record at a charge to the requestor.

NMED issues this public notice on June 14, 2024 to announce the beginning of a 60-day comment period that will end at 5:00 p.m. MDT, August 13, 2024. Any person who wishes to comment on the Report should submit written or electronic mail (e-mail) comment(s) with the commenter's name and address to the address below. Only comments and/or requests received on or before 5:00 p.m. MDT, August 13, 2024, will be considered.

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Ref: SNL – MWL Second Five-Year Report, December 2023

Written comments must be based on the Administrative Record. Documents in the Administrative Record need not be re-submitted if referenced by the commenter. NMED must ensure that the approved MWL Second Five-Year Report will be consistent with the requirements of the LTMMP, the May 2005 Final Order, and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. All written comments submitted on the MWL Second Five-Year Report will become part of the Administrative Record, will be considered in formulating a final decision, and may cause the MWL Second Five-Year Report to be disapproved. NMED will respond in writing to all significant public comment. This response will also be posted on the NMED website in addition to NMED notifying all persons providing written comments.

After consideration of all written public comments received, NMED will approve or disapprove the MWL Second Five-Year Report. If NMED disapproves the MWL Second Five-Year Report, the Permittees shall be provided by mail a copy of the disapproval and will be required to submit a revised MWL Five-Year Report for NMED approval. All persons on the mailing list, or that provided written comments, or who requested notification in writing, will be notified of the final decision by mail.

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