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### PUBLIC NOTICE No. 20-06

#### NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO September 29, 2020

#### NOTICE OF SUBMITTAL AND AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW OF THE PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT EPA ID NUMBER: NM0890010515

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the federal program for the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"). Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act ("HWA"), NMSA 1978, Sections 74-4-1 to -14 (1977, as amended through 2018) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20.4.1 NMAC, revised December 1, 2018), the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") can approve, approve with conditions, or deny, hazardous waste management permit and closure plan applications, permit modifications, amendments, and reapplications. Pursuant to 20.4.1.901.C(2) NMAC, NMED must notify the public that a major permit application has been submitted to the permitting agency and that application is available for public review. Under these authorities and obligations, NMED hereby provides public notice that the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE"), Triad National Security, LLC ("Triad"), and Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC ("N3B"), collectively referred to herein as the Permittees, submitted their Permit Renewal Application ("Renewal Application"). The Renewal Application was dated June 26, 2020 and NMED received it on June 29, 2020.

NMED is charged with issuing a permit that will ensure that the Los Alamos National Laboratory's ("LANL") hazardous waste operations are properly managed to protect human health and the environment. On November 30, 2010, NMED issued a renewed hazardous waste permit ("Permit") to the Permittees with an effective date of December 30, 2010. The Permit authorizes the Permittees to store and treat hazardous waste and to close hazardous waste disposal units at LANL in accordance with the HWA and its associated regulations.

Pursuant to 20.4.1 NMAC and Permit Part 1, Section 1.6.5, *Permit Reapplication*, the Permittees are required to submit a complete application at least 180 calendar days before the expiration date of the current Permit. The Permittees submitted the Renewal Application prior to the expiration date of the current Permit.

DOE owns the LANL Facility while DOE, Triad, and N3B co-operate the LANL Facility. LANL is located in Los Alamos County, New Mexico, approximately 60 miles north-northeast of Albuquerque, and 25 miles northwest of Santa Fe. Situated on the Pajarito Plateau, LANL occupies an area of approximately 40 square miles. The mailing address of the LANL Facility is P. O. Box 1663, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545. LANL is a research facility that treats and stores hazardous and radioactive mixed waste under a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit issued by NMED. The term of the Permit is 10-years from the date of issuance. The Permit will remain in effect until the effective date of the new permit in accordance with Permit Section 1.6.6, Continuation of Expiring Permit. The Permittees are seeking authorization to continue to treat and store hazardous and radioactive mixed waste in permitted hazardous waste units authorized by the Permit.

**PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE RENEWAL APPLICATION**

The Renewal Application is available for review on NMED’s website at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/hazardous-waste/lanl-permit/>. Please contact Ms. Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6000 or at the address provided below for more information or to be placed on the LANL Facility Mailing List. The NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau (“HWB”) offices are currently closed to the public because of COVID-19. In the event the State of New Mexico Executive Order 2020-004 issued in response to the novel coronavirus disease, which has been referred to as COVID-19, and most recently extended in Executive Order 2020-053, no longer affects access to the NMED HWB office, the documents may also be available for review at the address listed below.

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Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Renewal Application may also be reviewed at the following locations during the public comment period:

Los Alamos Mesa Public Library 2400 Central Ave, Los Alamos, NM 87544 (505) 662-8250	Santa Fe Public Library – La Farge Branch 1730 Llano Street, Santa Fe, NM 87505 505-955-4860
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IMPORTANT: Note there is no formal public comment period at this time. This is a notice of submittal and availability for review of the Renewal Application. In accordance with 20.4.1.901 NMAC, a public notice will be issued with a formal comment period at a later date when NMED issues a draft permit.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Any person having a disability and requiring assistance or auxiliary aid to participate in this process should contact Kristine Yurdin, Non-Discrimination Coordinator, by phone at (505) 827-2855, or via email at: [nd.coordinator@state.nm.us](mailto:nd.coordinator@state.nm.us). Toll-free numbers are available for TDD or TDY users to access the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-1779 (voice); TTY users: 1-800-659-8331.

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**FACILITY CONTACT**

LANL may be contacted at the following mailing addresses: Los Alamos National Laboratory, Environmental Communication and Public Involvement, P.O. Box 1663 MS K491, Los Alamos, NM 87545. The Permittees’ primary contacts for this permitting action are Mr. Patrick Padilla at (505) 677-3932 [ppadilla@lanl.gov](mailto:ppadilla@lanl.gov), Triad LLC, and Mr. Anthony Stone, (505) 257-7431 [Anthony.Stone@em-la.doe.gov](mailto:Anthony.Stone@em-la.doe.gov), N3B-BWXT-Los Alamos.