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Dated: May 1, 1998.

**Hazel Fiers,**

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Office for Civil Rights**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Fall 1998 Elementary and Secondary School Civil Rights Compliance Report.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* Responses: 60,950. Burden Hours: 293,419.

*Abstract:* The Elementary and Secondary School Civil Rights Compliance Report is the vehicle for the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Education, to acquire source material in the form of data and information regarding the civil rights compliance issues in the nation's public elementary and secondary schools. Information from the Elementary and Secondary School Civil Rights Compliance Report is used by OCR field offices when they consider public school districts for compliance reviews, and as source material when civil rights compliance investigations are conducted.

#### **Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Centers Programs Annual Performance Report.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 500. Burden Hours: 3,000.

*Abstract:* Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Centers grantees are required to submit annual performance reports to the Department so that ED personnel can evaluate the grantees' performance and assess prior experience points.

#### **Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Study of the Outcomes of Diversity in Higher Education.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 12,475. Burden Hours: 2,782.

*Abstract:* This study focuses on outcomes of diversity in higher education for students and faculty; it also examines the effect of diversity on institutional policies and programs. This is a three-year, 10-institution case study effort that includes interviews with administrators and faculty and focus group discussions with students, as well as a survey of samples of faculty and students.

#### **Office of Educational Research and Improvement**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* 1998-1999 Field Test for Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS): Local Educational Agency (LEA),

Administrator, School, Teacher and Library/Media Center, 1999-2000 Teacher Listing Form, 1999-2000 Full Scale SASS: LEA, Administrator, School, Teacher and Library/Media Center

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:* Responses: 104,341. Burden Hours: 107,802.

*Abstract:* The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) will use the field test to assess data collection procedures and survey instruments that are planned for the full scale SASS in 1999-2000. Policy makers, researchers and practitioners at the national, state and local events use SASS data. Respondents include public and private school principals, teachers, and school, LEA and library/media center staff persons.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Conveyance and Transfer of Certain Land Tracts Located at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties, NM**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of conveying and transferring certain land tracts located within the Incorporated Counties of Los Alamos and Santa Fe and at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in north central New Mexico. This EIS for the proposed Conveyance and Transfer of Certain Land Tracts (Conveyance and Transfer EIS) will evaluate the action mandated by Congress to convey fee title to lands allocated for conveyance to Los Alamos County (County) and transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the San Ildefonso Pueblo (Pueblo), administrative jurisdiction of parcels of land to be determined by agreement pursuant to Section 632 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998, Public Law 105-119. The EIS will analyze the potential impacts of up to

three uses of land for the individual tracts: (1) Historic, cultural, or environmental preservation purposes, (2) economic diversification purposes, or (3) community self-sufficiency purposes. The EIS will also analyze any connected actions regarding the relocation of existing site tenants and the No Action Alternative of retaining the land tracts in their current state with the continuance of the existing uses of land. DOE invites individuals, organizations, and agencies to present oral or written comments concerning the scope of the EIS, including the environmental issues and alternatives that the EIS should address.

**DATES:** The public scoping period starts with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until June 30, 1998. DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by that date in defining the scope of this EIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Public scoping meetings are scheduled to be held as follows:

May 19, 1998, 2:00–5:00 p.m. and 6:00–8:00 p.m., U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

May 20, 1998, 2:00–5:00 p.m. and 6:00–8:00 p.m., Double Tree Hotel, 3347 Cerrillos Road; Santa Fe, New Mexico.

May 21, 1998, 2:00–5:00 p.m. and 6:00–8:00 p.m., Northern New Mexico Community Center, 921 Paseo de Onate; Española, New Mexico.

The DOE will publish additional notices on the date, times, and location of the scoping meetings in local newspapers in advance of the scheduled meetings. Any necessary changes will be announced in the local media.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions concerning the scope of the Conveyance and Transfer EIS or requests for more information on the EIS and public scoping process should be directed to: Ms. Elizabeth Withers, EIS Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico, 87544, facsimile at (505) 667-4872, or E-mail at ewithers@doe.lanl.gov.

In addition to providing oral comments at the public scoping meetings, all interested parties are invited to record their comments, ask questions concerning the EIS, or request to be placed on the EIS mailing or document distribution list by leaving a message on the EIS Hotline at (toll free) 1-800-791-2280. The Hotline will have

instructions on how to record comments and requests.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on DOE's NEPA process, please contact: Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is located in north-central New Mexico, 60 miles north-northeast of Albuquerque, 25 miles northwest of Santa Fe, and 20 miles southwest of Española in Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties. It is located between the Jemez Mountains to the west and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and Rio Grande to the east. LANL occupies an area of approximately 27,832 acres or approximately 43 square miles and is operated for DOE by a contractor, the University of California. It is a multidisciplinary, multipurpose institution engaged in theoretical and experimental research and development. LANL has mission responsibilities in national security, energy resources, environmental quality, and science.

Section 632 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998, Public Law (P.L.) 105-119, enacted November 26, 1997, established certain actions and reports to be completed by the DOE. It requires that the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) take certain actions with respect to the conveyance of certain suitable tracts of land at or in the vicinity of LANL, which are under the jurisdiction or administrative control of the Secretary, to the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, or their designee in fee title, and that administrative jurisdiction over certain other of these tracts be transferred to the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the Pueblo of San Ildefonso. The legislation provides that the purpose of these conveyances and transfers is to fulfill the obligations of the United States with respect to LANL under sections 91 and 94 of the Atomic Energy Community Act of 1955 (42 U.S.C. 2391, 2394). Upon completion of these conveyances and transfers, the legislation also directs that the Secretary shall make no further payments with respect to LANL under sections 91 or 94 of the Atomic Energy Community Act of 1955.

The Secretary is required to undertake the preliminary identification of parcels of land under the jurisdiction or administrative control of the Secretary or in the vicinity of LANL for conveyance or transfer. The criteria established in Public Law 105-119 for land to be considered as being suitable for conveyance or transfer is that it is: (1) not required to meet the national security mission of the DOE or will not be required for that purpose before the end of a 10-year period beginning on the date of enactment of the law; (2) likely to be conveyable or transferable, as the case may be, not later than the end of such period; and (3) suitable for use either for historic, cultural, or environmental preservation purposes, for economic diversification purposes, or for community self-sufficiency purposes.

The Secretary of Energy has completed the preliminary identification of such parcels of land considered to be suitable and a report to Congress on this action was submitted in April 1998. The report, entitled Land Transfer, A Preliminary Identification of Parcels of Land in Los Alamos, New Mexico for Conveyance or Transfer, summarizes, for each of nine parcels identified for potential conveyance or transfer, the tract's location, size, boundaries, historical DOE use, existing use, functional support of LANL's mission, urban infrastructure present, known environmental and cultural issues associated with the tracts, economic potential, and estimated DOE preparation costs prior to transfer. The report includes maps of parcels with pertinent physical features (such as roads, topography, buildings, fences and major utility corridors). The total acreage of the tracts being considered for transfer is about 4,646 acres (roughly equal to about 16 percent of the DOE-controlled land in the LANL area). About 3,000 acres are located within Santa Fe County and about 1,646 acres are located within Los Alamos County. The nine parcels identified in the report are as follows:

1. The Technical Area (TA) 21 Tract consists of approximately 243.8 acres and is located east of the Los Alamos Townsite. This occupied site is remote from the main LANL area. Relocation of operations and site workers would need to take place.

2. The DP Road (North, South and West) Tract consists of 49.8 acres. It is generally undeveloped except for the West section where the LANL Archives are currently located.

3. The DOE Los Alamos Area Office Site Tract consists of 12.9 acres. It is also within the Los Alamos Townsite

and is readily usable. Relocation of site employees would need to take place.

4. The Airport Tract consists of 198 acres. Located east of the Los Alamos Townsite, it is close to the East Gate Business park.

5. The White Rock Site Tract consists of 98.7 acres. It is undeveloped except for utility lines and a water pump station.

6. Rendija Canyon Site Tract consists of 908.7 acres. The canyon is undeveloped except for the shooting range that serves the local community and is currently under lease from the DOE to the community.

7. The White Rock Y Site Tract consists of 435.1 acres. It is undeveloped and is associated with the major transportation routes connecting Los Alamos with northern New Mexico.

8. Two miscellaneous sites, Site 22 and The Manhattan Monument Site, consist of 0.27 acres. Site 22 is a small, Townsite parcel located on the edge of the mesa overlooking Los Alamos Canyon. The Manhattan site is a small, rectangular site located within Los Alamos County land and adjacent to Ashley Pond where most of the first Laboratory work was conducted.

9. The TA-74 Site Tract consists of 2,698.4 acres. It is a large, remote site located east of the Los Alamos Townsite. This parcel was restored to the public domain by Presidential Proclamation 3539 on May 27, 1963. Because it is public domain land, additional legislative action may be required to transfer it out of Federal government control.

A copy of the report may be obtained from Mr. Dennis Martinez, U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico, 87544, telephone (505) 667-6146, or E-mail at [dmartinez@doe.lanl.gov](mailto:dmartinez@doe.lanl.gov).

### **The Role of the Conveyance and Transfer EIS in the DOE NEPA Compliance Strategy**

The Conveyance and Transfer EIS will be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) NEPA regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021). The purpose of this EIS is to provide DOE decisionmakers and stakeholders with information on the projected environmental impacts that would result from the proposed conveyance and transfer of certain land tracts to the County and to the Pueblo respectively, as prescribed by Congress in P.L. 105-119, for the following future uses: (1)

historic, cultural, or environmental preservation, (2) economic diversification, or (3) community self-sufficiency. Specific future land uses associated with each broad use category will be established through consultation with the recipient parties.

The EIS will provide an analysis of any reasonable alternatives identified through public scoping. The EIS will provide a baseline for DOE to use as a basis of comparison for environmental effects of proposed future changes in programs and activities, and could be a tiering (reference) document for future NEPA analysis of agency plans, functions, programs, and resource utilization.

### **Proposed Action and Alternatives**

The proposed action is to convey and transfer land that is not required to meet the national security mission of DOE or will not be required for that purpose within the next 10 years. An alternative under consideration is the Conveyance and Transfer of All Tracts Alternative, which would be to convey and transfer to the County and/or the Pueblo all of the land identified. Another alternative, the Partial Conveyance and Transfer of Tracts Alternative, would involve the conveyance and transfer of most of the tracts with the retention by DOE of any land that cannot be cleaned up within the next 10 years. As information is obtained through the analysis process, the Partial Conveyance and Transfer of Tracts Alternative may be refined and analyzed thoroughly or it may be eliminated from detailed analysis. Each alternative would analyze the impacts of up to three potential uses of land depending on information on the intended use provided by the County and Pueblo. The following future uses could be analyzed for each land tract: (1) historic, cultural, or environmental preservation purposes, (2) economic diversification purposes, or (3) community self-sufficiency purposes. Follow-on actions involving the relocation of current tenants will be analyzed to the extent that the information is available. As required by the CEQ NEPA regulations, a No Action alternative will also be evaluated. The No Action alternative would be to continue the current use of the land tracts without the conveyance or transfer of any of the tracts to the identified parties.

### **Potential Issues for Analysis**

Issues tentatively identified for analysis in this EIS include the socioeconomic impacts of development of the land tracts and their subsequent use; potential impacts to protected

threatened, endangered, or sensitive species of animal or plants, or their critical habitat; potential impacts to cultural or historic resources; potential human health impacts to site occupants and the general public; potential effects on air, soil, and water quality from development and cleanup of the subject parcels and subsequent anticipated uses; potential irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources, including the ultimate loss of LANL lands and land occupied and used as a result of conveyance and transfer actions; potential effects on members of the public, including minority and low-income populations from the development of the subject parcels and subsequent anticipated uses; and cumulative environmental impacts related to past, present and future development of the land and actions anticipated by neighboring land managers.

### **Related NEPA Reviews**

Following is a summary of recent NEPA documents that may be considered in the preparation of this EIS and from which this EIS may be tiered. The Conveyance and Transfer EIS will include relevant information from each of these documents.

The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) (DOE/EIS-0238) (in preparation). The Draft SWEIS analyzes four levels of operations alternatives for LANL to meet its existing and potential future program assignments: the No Action Alternative, the Expanded Operations Alternative, the Reduced Operations Alternative, and the Greener Alternative. The SWEIS also provides project specific analysis for two proposed projects: the Expansion of TA-54/Area G Low Level Waste Disposal Area; and Enhancement of Plutonium Pit Manufacturing. The SWEIS does not analyze changing the size or configuration of the LANL reserve through land conveyance or transfer.

The DP Road Tract EA (DOE/EA-1184) analyzed the proposed transfer of 28 acres of land located along the south side of DP Road next to the Los Alamos Townsite. The property is currently part of LANL's TA-21 and has been used most recently as a vacant buffer area. Previous uses of the tract include use of part of the tract as a mobile home park and playground. Portions of the tract are now wooded with mixed saplings and mature trees; the portion of the tract contiguous with DP Road is covered with native grasses and broadleaf plants. Should this land tract be transferred to the County, the County has indicated

that its preferred use of the land tract would be to develop the property within 5 to 10 years for its own use with the construction of a new office building to house County employees, paved parking areas, and new warehouses, garages, and support buildings for the transfer of the school bus yard, equipment maintenance, and school supply warehousing activities to the site. A maximum of about 800 employees would be expected to occupy the site. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued on January 23, 1997, although no action has yet taken place.

The Research Park EA (DOE/EA-1212) analyzed the proposed lease of about 60 acres of land located next to the main administration portion of LANL, at the edges of TA-3 and TA-62. The property is currently a combination of wooded land and land used for parking lots. This tract is bounded in general by Diamond Drive on the east, West Jemez Road on the south, West Road on the west, and Los Alamos Canyon on the north. The land would be leased to the County to establish a research park. The term of the lease is expected to be 55 years with options for renewal depending upon final agreements between the County and DOE. The tract of land would be developed by the County or third parties within 5 to 10 years of the date of the lease. Research parks are professional developments that allow a wide range of companies to work within the same geographic location and to benefit from a well-planned environment suited to business needs. The County recommended that the type of research park best suited for Los Alamos would include freestanding buildings with landscaping and a possible atrium arrangement between related structures. About 10 buildings are planned for the research park and about 1,500 employees would be expected to occupy the site. A FONSI was issued on October 8, 1997, although no action has yet taken place.

#### Scoping Process

The scoping process is an opportunity for the public to assist the DOE in determining the alternatives and issues for analysis. The purpose of the scoping meetings is to receive oral and written comments from the public. The meetings will use a format to facilitate dialogue between DOE and the public and will be an opportunity for individuals to provide written or oral statements. DOE welcomes specific comments or suggestions on the content of these alternatives, or on other alternatives that could be considered.

The above list of issues to be considered in the EIS analysis is tentative and is intended to facilitate public comment on the scope of this EIS. It is not intended to be all-inclusive, nor does it imply any predetermination of potential impacts. The Conveyance and Transfer EIS will describe the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives, using available data where possible and obtaining additional data where necessary. Copies of written comments and transcripts of oral comments will be available at the following locations: Los Alamos Outreach Center, 1350 Central Avenue, Suite 101, Los Alamos, New Mexico, 87544; and the Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute (TVI), Montoya Campus Library, 4700 Morris NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111.

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**Peter N. Brush,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary Environment, Safety and Health.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### **Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; Safe Routine Transportation and Emergency Response Training; Technical Assistance and Funding; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of revised proposed policy and procedures; Correction.

#### Correction

In notice document 98-11520, beginning on page 23753, in the issue of Thursday, April 30, 1998, make the following corrections:

1. On page 23754, first column, 2nd paragraph beginning with Note., in the 2nd line, change the words "final policy" to read "revised proposed policy".

2. On page 23765, third column, last heading, beginning with Appendix, in the 2nd line, change the words "Notice of Final Policy" to read "Notice of Revised Proposed Policy and Procedures".

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**Ronald A. Milner,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER98-2045-000]

##### **Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order**

April 30, 1998.

Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc. (CES) filed an application for authorization to engage in wholesale sales of electric capacity and/or energy at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, CES requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by CES. On April 29, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Tariff For Market-Based Power Sales And Reassignment Of Transmission And Ancillary Service Rights (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's April 29, 1998 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (E), (F), and (H):

(E) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to pretest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by CES should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(F) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (E) above, CES is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of CES, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(H) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of CES's issuance of securities or assumptions of liabilities. . . .

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is May 29, 1998.