

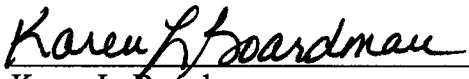
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TEST CAPABILITIES REVITALIZATION  
AT  
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES/NEW MEXICO

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration, Sandia Site Office, has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Test Capabilities Revitalization Project at Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico. The EA analyzes the potential effects of a proposal to renovate and demolish several existing facilities and construct new facilities. Construction, renovation, and demolition activities would be accomplished at the Sled Track Complex, Aerial Cable Facility, Centrifuge Complex, Mechanical Shock Complex, Vibration-Acoustics and Mass Properties Complex, Thermal Test Complex, and TA-III Central Services Building. A new Experimental Sciences Center and Cask Testing Facility would be constructed. The EA analyzes effects on health, safety, water use and liquid effluents, air quality, waste management, and cultural resources resulting from these activities and operations and associated cumulative effects. A detailed description of the proposed action and its environmental consequences is presented in the EA.

Based on the analysis presented in the EA and consideration of comments from interested stakeholders, the DOE finds that there would be no significant impacts associated with the proposed action. DOE makes this Finding of No Significant Impact pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500), and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR 1021). The proposed action does not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the human environment within the mandate of NEPA. Therefore, no environmental impact statement is required for this proposal.

Signed in Albuquerque, New Mexico this 31 day of January, 2003.

  
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