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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE KAUAI TEST FACILITY  
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES, HAWAII

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for Continued Operation of the Kauai Test Facility, Sandia National Laboratories, Hawaii (DOE/EA-2089). The EA analyzed the potential effects of a proposal to continue operations at KTF, increase the number of annual single rocket launches from the facility, and implement replacement and modernization of facilities to sustain and enhance launch capabilities based on anticipated/envisioned NNSA and national security needs. The rail and vertical launch facilities and infrastructure at KTF are needed to maintain the continued launch capability for the NNSA to support broader national security mission needs, as well as sustain and enhance the unique capabilities that support NNSA core competencies. The EA analyzed impacts to air quality, water resources, biological resources, noise, human health and safety 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 the concerns of interested stakeholders, the NNSA finds that there would be no significant impacts associated with the proposed action. The NNSA 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 7 day of March, 2019

  
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