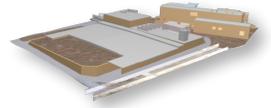




How to Make Your Comments Count

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Nuclear Facility Portion of the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Building Replacement Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico



Making Your Voice Heard: Details on Public Comments

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), invites stakeholders to comment on the *Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Nuclear Facility Portion of the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Building Replacement Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico* (CMRR-NF SEIS). NNSA is proposing changes to its 2004 Record of Decision in connection with the *Environmental Impact Statement for the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Building Replacement Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico* (CMRR EIS) and is therefore preparing the CMRR-NF SEIS.

Making Your Comments Count: Helpful Hints

Commenting on public policy issues or documents as a private citizen can be daunting, especially if the issues are technical. Consider the suggestions below to help make it a little easier and more effective to participate in the development of the CMRR-NF SEIS.

Now that the Draft CMRR-NF SEIS is issued, review the document, then make your comments.

Make notes on:

- Issues not addressed or addressed inadequately
- Accuracy, substantive errors, or omissions
- Consistency with other information
- Relevance to issues you consider important

During public meetings, write your comments, or make notes if you are presenting them orally.

Cover the following:

- Establish your authority to comment, whether it is as a concerned citizen, representative of an interest group, or an expert. If you are an oral commentator, state your name first.
- For extensive comments, summarize your major concerns first, then describe them in detail.
- If you are recommending changes to a document, suggest specific language when possible.
- If you believe technical information contained in the SEIS or other resource documents is in error or inadequate, cite the reference and explain why. Provide copies of back-up material.
- Offer solutions – draw on your expertise as an interested stakeholder to suggest innovative ideas.
- Consider these format and style suggestions:
 - Start by offering general or summary comments
 - Even if you are commenting orally, use headings, topic sentences, and short sentences
 - Avoid asking questions – rather, pose your questions as comments to be considered
 - Be respectful of your fellow commentators and agency representatives

Finally, understand comment deadlines and processes.

Find out how your comments will be used and considered and how responses will be provided.

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For additional information, check our website, <http://nnsa.energy.gov/nepa/cmrrseis>, or contact Mr. John Tegtmeier, CMRR-NF SEIS Document Manager at NEPALASO@doeal.gov, or call 505-665-0113.

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