



SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES SITE-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

On June 24, 2011, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration Sandia Site Office (NNSA/SSO) announced its intent to prepare a Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the operation of facilities and activities at Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) and other DOE operations in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for a 5- to 10-year period commencing in 2011.



The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values into decision-making processes by considering the environmental impacts of proposed actions and reasonable alternatives, which are evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).



Background

In 1999, the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Sandia National Laboratories/ New Mexico (SNL/NM SWEIS) was issued in accordance with NEPA requirements. In 2006, NNSA/SSO completed a Supplement Analysis that determined that the environmental impacts of SNL operations projected out through 2010 were still within the envelope of environmental impacts described in the 1999 SWEIS. In consideration of the age of the 1999 SWEIS, as well as interest in furthering the purpose of NEPA, NNSA/SSO has decided to proceed with the preparation of a new SWEIS for the continued operation of SNL and other DOE operations in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The new SWEIS will analyze the impacts and operations at SNL and the following other DOE operations in Albuquerque, New Mexico:

- NNSA Office of Secure Transportation Aviation Operations
- U.S. Department Of Energy National Training Center
- Agent Operations Western Command Operations And Training Facility
- Albuquerque Complex
- Kirtland Operations

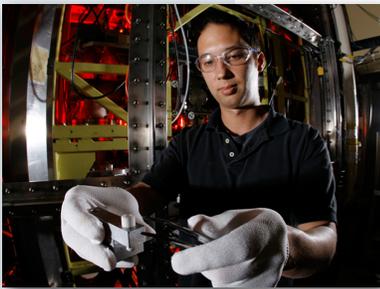




The SWEIS will analyze potential impacts to resources including public health and safety, groundwater, biological, air quality, geology and soils, cultural resources, socioeconomics, and land use. The NNSA/SSO will also analyze impacts of current pollution prevention and waste management practices, radioactive and hazardous materials transportation, and impacts of potential destructive acts, including sabotage and terrorism.

Preliminary Identification of Alternatives

- **No Action:** Continue currently planned operations
- **Reduced Operations:** Overall reduction in the current level of operations and closure of some facilities
- **Expanded Operations:** Increase in levels and/or types of activities in the next ten years
- **Renewable Energy:** Renewable energy research and development and the potential deployment of these technologies on Sandia National Laboratories



Record of Decision

Upon completion of the SWEIS, one of the proposed alternatives, or a combination thereof, will be implemented using a Record of Decision (ROD). A ROD is a public record documenting the DOE's decision to implement a proposed action.

The Process and You

The public is encouraged to participate in the NEPA process and development of the SWEIS. The NNSA/SSO will hold public meetings to facilitate dialogue with the public. During this public scoping period, individuals, organizations, and government agencies and entities are invited to participate in identifying alternatives and issues to consider. The public will also be provided an opportunity to submit comments on the Draft SWEIS during public comment periods.



To submit SWEIS scope or draft comments or to be included on the document distribution list, please contact:

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