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Subject: Consultation Concerning Livermore National Laboratory Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (Doc. # LSOEIS:030002)

Reference: Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Notice of Intent, Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (Federal Register Doc. 02-15165 Filed 6-14-02; 8:45 am).

Dear Ms. Zwierlein:

The California Native American Heritage Commission submitted your name to me as a contact for the Ohlone/Constanoan tribe in response to my inquiry for a listing of heads of tribal governments to consult concerning preparation of the Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the continued operation of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The SWEIS is being prepared by the Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA), Livermore Site Office.

The SWEIS is being prepared in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The SWEIS will analyze the potential environmental impacts to the human and natural environment associated with continuing current LLNL operations and foreseeable new and/or modified operations and facilities for approximately the next ten years. The SWEIS will also include analyses of potential effects to Native American heritage resources.

The preliminary alternatives to be analyzed in the SWEIS are:

- **No Action Alternative:** This alternative includes current facility operations throughout LLNL in support of NNSA missions. NEPA regulations require analysis of the No Action Alternative to provide a benchmark for comparison with environmental effects of other alternatives. This alternative includes the programs and activities that are part of LLNL Missions and those activities for which NEPA review is already underway. Additionally, the No Action Alternative will include any interim actions that proceed independently of the SWEIS.

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- **Proposed Action Alternative:** This alternative includes increasing LLNL operations to levels reasonably foreseeable over the next ten years, that can be supported by current facilities, or that may require new or modified facilities. This alternative includes the No Action Alternative as described above.
- **Reduced Operation Alternative:** This alternative considers and analyzes proposals for the reduction or cessation of specific operations to reduce adverse environmental impacts. This alternative may include reasonable proposals for consolidating operations into fewer facilities (including subsequent analysis of decommissioning or demolition of vacated facilities) that have technical merit.

Federal and state agency coordination and consultation, and public participation are conducted during the project. The SWEIS will analyze LLNL operations at the Livermore site in Alameda County, and at Site 300, which is located in both Alameda and San Joaquin Counties. The enclosure shows both locations.

You can find the Notice of Intent, the reference listed above, and other information concerning the SWEIS at the LLNL Environmental Community Relations web site at <http://www-envirinfo.llnl.gov>. Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (925) 422-0704 or by e-mail at [tom.grim@oak.doe.gov](mailto:tom.grim@oak.doe.gov) with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



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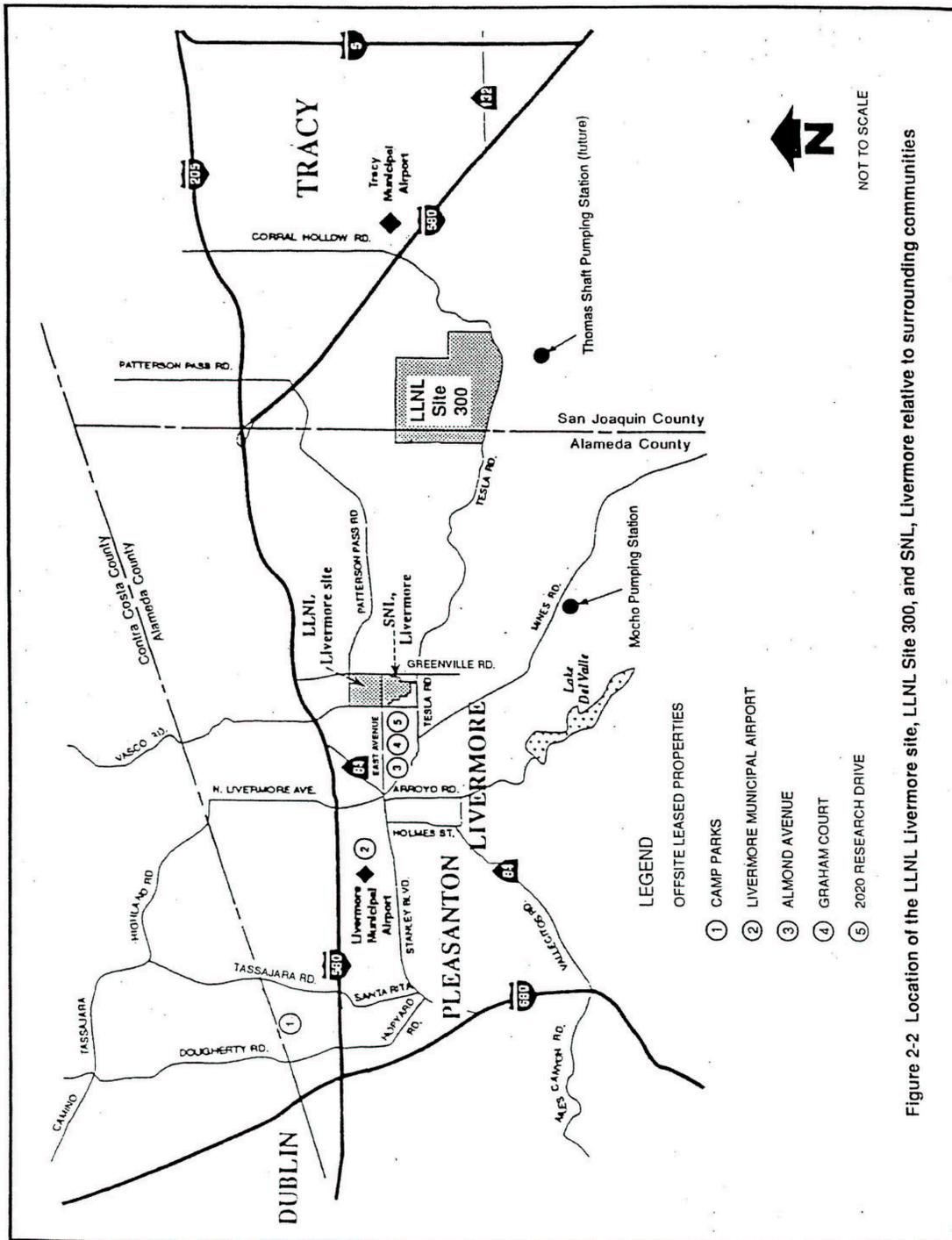


Figure 2-2 Location of the LLNL Livermore site, LLNL Site 300, and SNL, Livermore relative to surrounding communities

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