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Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Conveyance and Transfer of Certain Land Tracts Administered by the U.S. Department of Energy and Located at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties, New Mexico.

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Abstract:

On November 26, 1997, Congress passed Public Law 105-119, the *Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998* (the Act). This Act, in part, directs the Secretary of Energy to convey to the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, New Mexico (the County), or its designee, and transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Pueblo of San Ildefonso, parcels of land under the jurisdictional administrative control of the Secretary at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). DOE's responsibilities under the Act include identifying suitable tracts of land according to criteria set forth in the law, conducting a title search on each tract of land, identifying and conducting, to the maximum extent practicable, any environmental restoration or remediation that would be needed for each tract of land, and conducting *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) review of the proposed conveyance or transfer of the land tracts. In accordance with NEPA, this document assesses the potential environmental impacts of conveying and transferring certain land tracts located at LANL within the Incorporated County of Los Alamos and Santa Fe County. Specifically, this document examines the environmental consequences that could be expected if each of 10 eligible land tracts, in whole or in part, were conveyed or transferred with subsequent development and use of the tracts for the purposes identified by the Act and as further contemplated by the recipients. Two alternatives are analyzed in this document¹: the No Action Alternative and the Conveyance and Transfer of Each Tract Alternative (the Proposed Action Alternative). Under the No Action Alternative, DOE would continue its administrative control of each individual tract tentatively identified as a candidate for conveyance and transfer. Under the Proposed Action Alternative, each of the 10 eligible tracts of land individually, in whole or in part, would be either conveyed or transferred to either the County or the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for San Ildefonso Pueblo. In addition, this document briefly discusses the known environmental restoration or remediation needed for each of the 10 eligible land tracts identified for conveyance or transfer and considers the planned use of the land and the ensuing potential environmental impacts subsequent to the conveyance or transfer of administrative control or ownership. The potential contemplated land uses identified in this document include cultural, historical, or environmental preservation and residential, commercial, or industrial development.

¹ Changes made to this CT EIS since publication of the Draft CT EIS are marked with a line in the margin.