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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Los Alamos Site Operations, National Nuclear Security Administration; Notice of Floodplain Involvement for the Proposed Access Control and Traffic Improvements at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of floodplain involvement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Office of Los Alamos Site Operations proposes to construct and operate access control and traffic improvement measures at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) that would include construction and demolition activities and soil disturbance. The proposed action would include the construction and operation of four access control stations within Technical Areas (TAs) 3, 36, 61 and 48; the closure of four streets leading into TA-3 from West Jemez Road; the construction and operation of two, short by-pass roads around the core portion of TA-3; and intersection improvements at two street intersections located within the core portion of TA-3. Some of the action would occur near canyons with floodplains and wetlands; however, canyons would be bridged over from either side of the canyons and few construction-related activities would take place within the floodplains along the canyon bottoms. Direct and indirect effects to floodplains and wetlands nearby would be minimal. In accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022, DOE has prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment and will perform this

proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than September 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Elizabeth Withers, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, or submit them to the Mail Room at the above address between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may also be sent electronically to: ewithers@doeal.gov or by facsimile to (505) 667-9998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lloyd Smith, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Telephone (505) 667-4325, facsimile (505) 667-9998.

For Further Information on General DOE Floodplain Environmental Review Requirements, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH-42, Department of Energy, 100 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0119. Telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756, facsimile (202) 586-7031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NNSA is proposing to improve its capability to meet physical security requirements at LANL by establishing a permanent physical security framework at LANL. Additionally, NNSA also is proposing to improve its street intersections at two locations within LANL to facilitate traffic safety. To meet the needs of the daily DOE and NNSA imposed security conditions at LANL, NNSA is proposing to construct and operate four access control stations and support structures within Technical Areas (TAs) 3, 36, 61 and 48; to construct and operate two, short by-pass roads around the core portion of TA-3; and to close four streets leading into TA-3 from West Jemez Road to vehicle traffic. Additionally, NNSA would also make intersection improvements at two street intersections located within the core

portion of TA-3; construct two additional new parking areas and two, short access roads to existing parking lots; and construct a new Radio Shop to replace the existing building, which would have to be demolished to facilitate the construction of the new roadway at the east side of TA-3. Various additional structure would need to be removed, relocated or demolished; these would mostly be non-permanent buildings, with the exception of the aforementioned Radio Shop and the high bay portion of Building 3-40, which would likely need to be demolished as well. Most of the activities would take place along the mesa tops and not within floodplains; no activities are planned to occur in wetlands. Best management practices would be installed to control erosion and storm water runoff. Bridges would be constructed to span over canyons and floodplains.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR Part 1022), NNSA has prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment for this action, which is part of the NEPA EA. The EA (containing the floodplain/wetland assessment) is available by contacting Elizabeth Withers at the previously identified addresses, phone and facsimile numbers. The EA (containing the floodplain/wetland assessment) is also available for review at the DOE Reading Room at the Los Alamos Outreach Center, 1619 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM 87544; and the DOE Reading Room at the Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131. The NNSA will publish a floodplain statement of findings for this project in the **Federal Register** no sooner than September 16, 2002.

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Director, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office.

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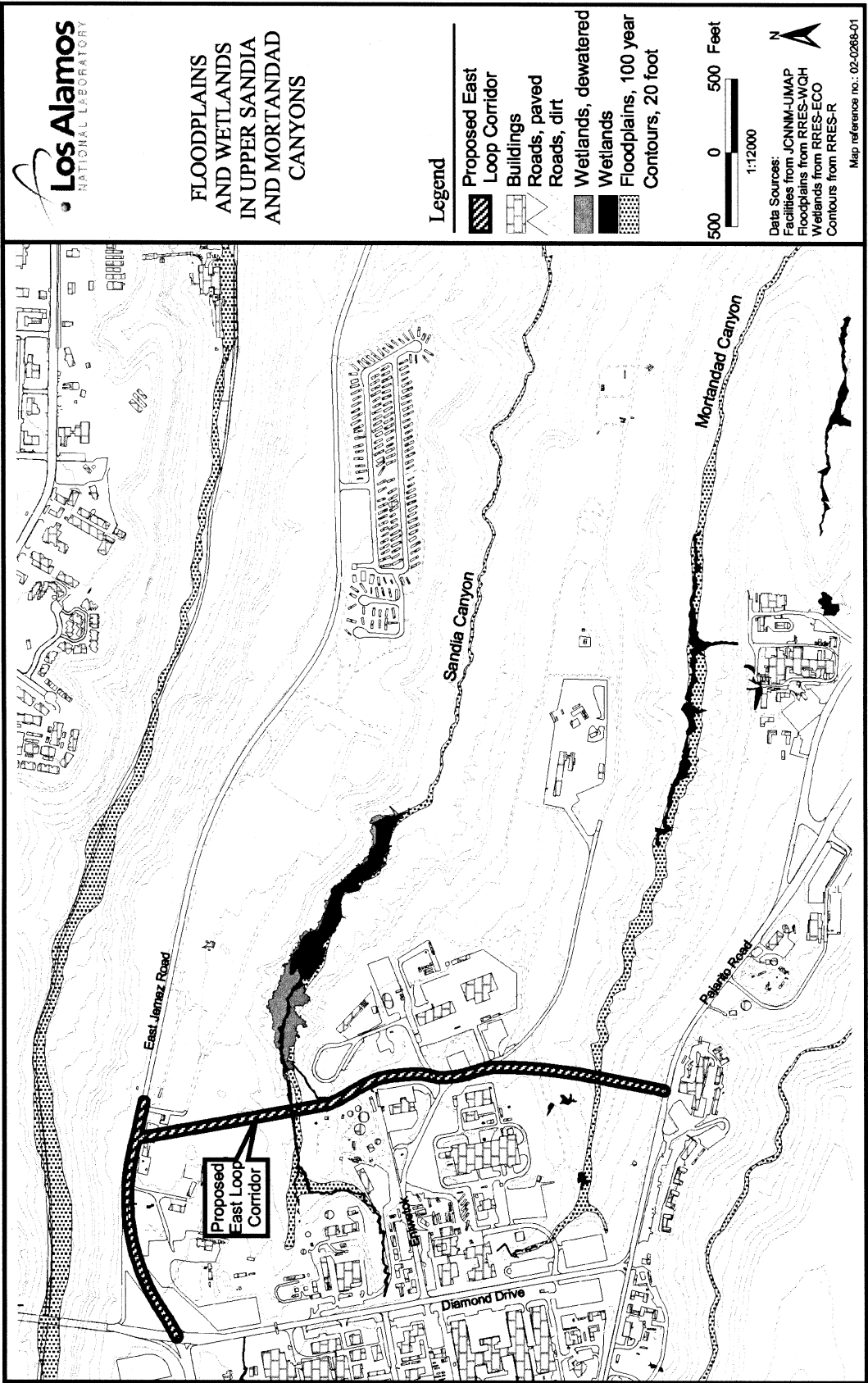


Figure 1. Floodplains and wetlands in upper Sandia and Mortandad Canyons.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 02-28: Division of Nuclear Physics Outstanding Junior Investigator Program

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Division of Nuclear Physics of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), invites grant applications for support under the Outstanding Junior Investigator Program in nuclear physics. The purpose of this program is to support the development of individual research programs of outstanding scientists early in their careers.

Applications should be from tenure-track faculty who are currently involved in experimental or theoretical nuclear physics research or engaged in research associated with the U.S. nuclear data program and should be submitted through a U.S. academic institution.

DATES: To permit timely consideration of awards in Fiscal Year 2003, formal applications submitted in response to this notice must be received by November 6, 2002.

ADDRESSES: We encourage you to submit formal applications in response to this solicitation electronically through DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at: <http://e-center.doe.gov/>. IIPS provides for the posting of solicitations and receipt of applications in a paperless environment via the Internet. Applications must be submitted through IIPS in PDF format by an authorized institutional business official. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at: HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov or you may call the help desk at: (800) 683-0751. Further information on the use of IIPS by the Office of Science is available at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

If you are unable to submit the application through IIPS, formal applications may be sent to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 02-28.

When submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any commercial mail delivery service, or

when hand carried by the applicant, the following address must be used: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 02-28.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Dennis G. Kovar, Director, Division of Nuclear Physics, Office of High Energy and Nuclear Physics, SC-23/ Germantown Building, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290.

Telephone: (301) 903-3613. Fax: (301) 903-3833. E-Mail: dennis.kovar@science.doe.gov. The full text of Program Notice 02-28 is available via the World Wide Web using the following web address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is the fourth year of an Outstanding Junior Investigator Program in Nuclear Physics. A principal goal of this program is to identify exceptionally talented nuclear physicists early in their careers and to facilitate the development of their research programs. The proposed research is expected to make an important contribution to the vigor of the U.S. Nuclear Physics program.

The DOE expects to make several awards in Fiscal Year 2003; five awards were made in Fiscal Year 2002. The actual number of awards will be determined by the number of excellent applications and the total amount of funds available for this program. It is anticipated that a total of up to \$250,000 will be available in Fiscal Year 2003 for funding the program, subject to availability of appropriated funds, and that awards would be for three to five year terms. At the end of the initial term, these grants may be renewed, subject to appropriate external peer review at the time of renewal, as long as the recipient's tenure status is unchanged.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following criteria, listed in descending order of importance as codified at 10 CFR Part 605.10 (d):

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project;
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach;
3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources;
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

Additional criteria, which will be considered: Future promise of the investigator, and the resources and interest of the sponsoring institution.

General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR part 605. Electronic access to the latest version of SC's Application Guide is possible via the Internet at the following web site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications.

The catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

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John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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KO Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 26, 2002.

Take notice that on August 1, 2002, KO Transmission Company (KO Transmission) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff Original Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheet, proposed to be effective October 1, 2002:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 147

KO Transmission that these tariff sheets are being filed to comply with the Commission's Order No. 587-O issued on May 1, 2002, in [Docket No. RM96-1-020, 99 FERC 61,146 (2002)]. In Order No. 587-O, the Commission adopted Version 1.5 of the standards promulgated by the Wholesale Gas Quadrant of the North American Energy Standards Board, formerly the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB), to be effective October 1, 2002.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,