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Dr. Monica Regalbuto
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Dr. Regalbuto,

We invite you to appear and provide testimony at a public hearing on the potential hazards to the public and workers posed by the transuranic (TRU) waste stored at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The hearing will take place on March 22, 2016, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Please be prepared to discuss your perspective on the hazards posed to the public and workers by the containers of remediated nitrate salt waste currently stored at Area G and actions taken or planned by DOE to resolve known inadequacies in the current safety bases of the various facilities that store TRU waste at LANL. Further, please be prepared to discuss actions taken to strengthen TRU waste management at LANL stemming from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant accident and the associated investigation findings.

The format for this hearing will include time for you to make both an opening and closing statement as well as respond to questions from the Board. The agenda as approved by the Board is provided in the attachment to this letter. The agenda for the hearing also will be posted on the Board's web page **www.dnfsb.gov**. As hearing preparations are finalized, the agenda may be updated. We will keep you apprised of any changes.

The Board looks forward to your participation. Please contact Mr. John Pasko (202) 694-7117 or Mr. Steven Stokes (202) 694-7143 should you have questions or to make any necessary arrangements for your attendance.

Sincerely,

Joyce L. Connery

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Chairman

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
Los Alamos National Laboratory Public Hearing

March 22, 2016

Los Alamos National Laboratory Transuranic Waste Management
5:00 – 9:00 pm

Goal: Gather information regarding the hazard to the public and workers posed by the management of transuranic waste at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and the Department of Energy's (DOE) plans to address these hazards.

Objectives:

1. Discuss the hazards posed to the public and workers by the containers of waste stored at Area G.

2. Discuss actions taken or planned to resolve known inadequacies in the current safety basis of the various facilities that manage or store transuranic waste at LANL.

3. Discuss actions taken to improve transuranic waste management at LANL in response to the challenges caused by the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant accident and its associated findings.

Schedule:

5:00 pm	Chairman's Opening Remarks and Introduction of Board's Staff	Chairman Joyce L. Connery
5:20 pm	Board's Staff Statement	Mr. John Pasko, Group Lead for Nuclear Materials Processing and Stabilization
5:30 pm	Seat Panel	
5:35 pm	Introduce Panel	Chairman Joyce L. Connery
Session 1	***Panel Discussion – Federal Oversight of Los Alamos National Laboratory Transuranic Waste Management***	
	Panel Members	
	The Honorable Madelyn Creedon	National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Principal Deputy Administrator
	The Honorable Monica Regalbuto	DOE Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM)
5:40 pm	NNSA Statement	The Honorable Madelyn Creedon, NNSA Principal Deputy Administrator
5:45 pm	DOE-EM Statement	The Honorable Monica Regalbuto, DOE Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
5:50 pm	Panel Discussion	
6:30 pm	Break	
6:45 pm	Introduce Panel	Chairman Joyce L. Connery

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Session 2	***Panel Discussion – Technical Resolution of Safety Issues***	
	Panel Members Mr. Douglas Hintze	Manager, DOE-EM Los Alamos Field Office
	Ms. Kimberly Davis Lebak	Manager, NNSA Los Alamos Field Office
	Dr. Charles McMillan	Los Alamos National Laboratory Director
	Dr. David Funk	Los Alamos National Laboratory Deputy Associate Director for Environmental Management
6:50 pm	Panel Discussion	
8:00 pm	Public Comment Period	
8:45 pm	NNSA and DOE-EM Closing Statement	The Honorable Madelyn Creedon, NNSA Principal Deputy Administrator
		The Honorable Monica Regalbuto, DOE Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
8:50 pm	Chairman's Closing Remarks	Chairman Joyce L. Connery
9:00 pm	Adjourn	