Welcome to Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico Site-Wide Environmental **Impact Statement Public Scoping Meeting**

May 9, 2023 - The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm









Agenda

- Welcome and Meeting Logistics (5 minutes)
- Sandia Field Office Manager Remarks (5 minutes)
- Sandia Field Office Presentation (20 minutes)
- Questions and Answers on the Presentation (5-10 minutes)
- Receipt of Formal Scoping Comments (90 minutes)



Meeting Logistics

- All scoping comments will be considered by National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in the preparation of the draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS)
 - Verbal comments will be recorded and transcribed for formal inclusion in the SWEIS.
 - All comments will be considered equally, whether spoken, mailed, or sent via electronic mail.
- Tonight's meeting is on the scope of the new SWEIS for Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico (SNL/NM). Please limit your comments to this topic.



Meeting Logistics (cont.)

There are four ways to provide scoping comments:

1) Verbal: During a public meeting

2) Writing: Submit a comment form during tonight's meeting

3) Email: <u>SNL-SWEIS@nnsa.doe.gov</u>

4) Mail: SNL/NM SWEIS Comments

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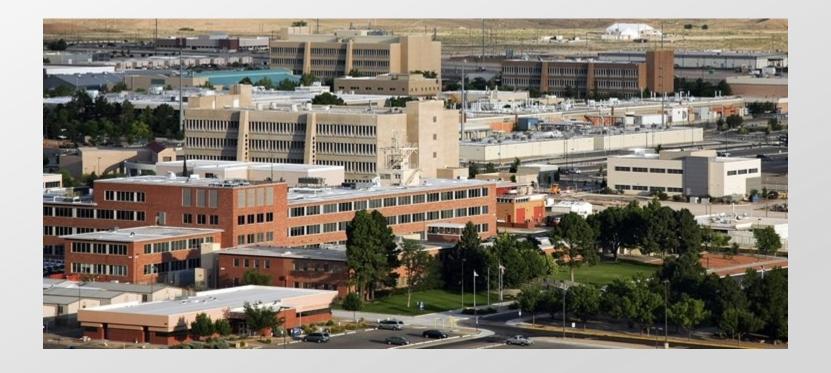


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Introduction



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Dr. Adria Bodour **Sandia Field Office NEPA Compliance Officer National Nuclear Security** Administration Department of Energy



Meeting Objectives

- Provide clear information on the scoping process
 - "Scoping" identifies issues that should be addressed in the preparation of the SWEIS, what should be evaluated, and what doesn't need to be evaluated including the range of alternatives to be considered and the specific analyses of impacts
 - Scoping started April 21, 2023, when NNSA published the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register to prepare the new SWEIS for SNL/NM
- Give an opportunity to offer comments on the scope of the SNL/NM SWEIS



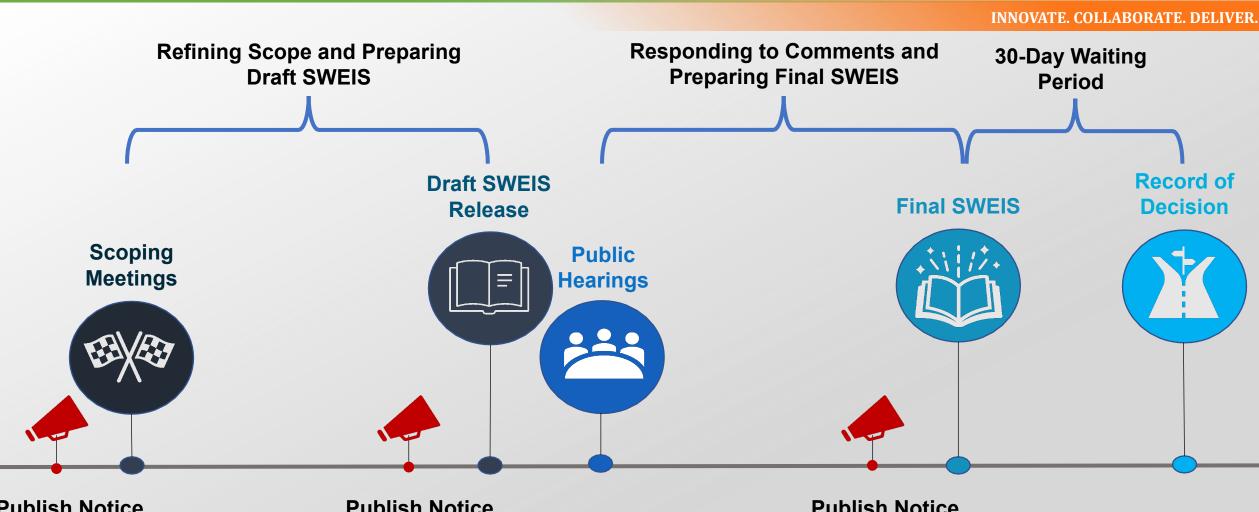
The National Environmental Policy Act

- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was signed into law in 1970
- NEPA requires Federal agencies to assess the environmental impacts of proposed major Federal actions prior to making decisions
- Requires analysis of environmental resource areas such as water, air, waste, energy, etc.
- NEPA requires public transparency on these environmental assessments



President Nixon signs the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on January 1, 1970

Major Steps in an Environmental Impact Statement



Publish Notice of Intent in Federal Register Publish Notice of Availability in Federal Register

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Sandia National Laboratories



- Founded in 1949
- Occupies ~16,000 acres within Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB), DOE owned land and AF permitted land
- Employs over 13,000 people in New Mexico
- Contractor-operated by National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC (NTESS)
- Supports NNSA and other federal agencies to ensure the safety, security, and reliability of the nation's nuclear deterrent
- Conducts research in energy efficiency, renewable energy, magnetic fusion, basic energy sciences, supercomputing, biological and environmental research, and waste management
- Contributes to community programs (K-12 through university levels) with outreach and internships encouraging science and engineering careers for future generations



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SNL/NM Capabilities



SNL/NM Mission **Portfolios**

- Weapon Component and System Surveillance and Assessment
- Microsystems R&D and Manufacturing
- High-Performance Computing
- Radiation Effects and High Energy Density Physics
- Materials Science & Engineering, and Advanced Manufacturing
- Energetic Materials and Components Science & Engineering
- Agile Component and Systems Design, Engineering, and Integration
- Cyber and Intelligence Science
- Synergistic Global Security Engineering
- Codes, Models, Data Analytics
- Advanced Experimental Diagnostics and Sensors
- Physical and Biological Sciences and Engineering
- Engineering Sciences and Testing
 - **Enabling Operations**



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New Mexico Electric Car Challenge



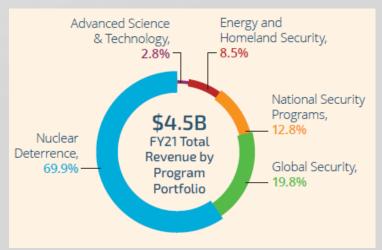
- Technology partnerships and transfers
- Academic Programs, internships, collaborations
- Local opportunities and economic impact, partnering with small businesses
- Sandia Serves community involvement
- Partnering with K-12 education, community colleges, universities, and industry broader contributions

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- SNL works in numerous locations: AK, CA,
 FL, HI, NM, NV, MN, OR, TX, & more
- At least 70% of SNL work occurs in NM
- New Mexico gross receipts taxes of \$111,700,000 in fiscal year 2022

Sandia Serves Saturdays





FY21 Total Revenue for All Locations

SNL/NM SWEIS Historical Context

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Year	Document	Description
1999	SWEIS and Record of Decision (DOE/EIS-0281)	First comprehensive site-wide strategy for SNL/NM operations
2006	5-Year Review via Supplement analysis (DOE/EIS-0281-SA-04)	Determined the adequacy of the existing 1999 SWEIS had no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and was adequate and thus neither a supplemental EIS nor a new SWEIS was required
2011	Notice of Intent to Prepare a new SWEIS (76 FR 37100; DOE/EIS-0466)	Planned a new SWEIS for continued SNL/NM operation; scoping was conducted and a draft SWEIS begun but NNSA determined not to complete
2023	Notice of Intent to Prepare a new SWEIS (DOE/EIS-0556)	Determined and announced the preparation of new SWEIS to analyze the potential environmental impacts for continuing operations of SNL/NM for the next 15 years



SNL/NM SWEIS General Content

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- Summary
- Introduction and Background
- Purpose and Need
- SNL/NM Missions and Planning Areas
- Alternatives
- Affected Environments
- Environmental Impacts
- Regulatory Compliance
- Technical Appendices





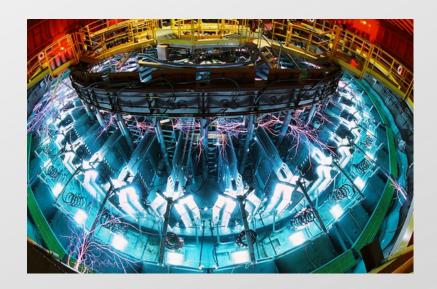


SNL/NM SWEIS Purpose and Need

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To continue SNL/NM operations including supporting NNSA and other DOE missions:

- Supports DOE's overarching mission of ensuring America's security and prosperity by addressing its energy, environmental, and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions
- Has specific core competencies in research, development, design, and surveillance of nuclear weapons; assessment and certification of their safety, reliability, and performance; and production of components for the stockpile that are only found at SNL/NM



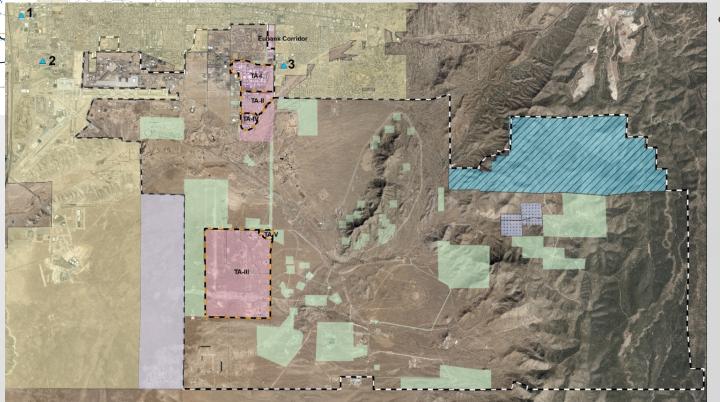




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Provides capabilities for strategic partnership projects, which oversees
national security-related research, development, and testing programs,
and conducts work for other entities, including other federal and state
government agencies, industry, and academic institutions.

SNL/NM SWEIS Purpose and Need (cont.)



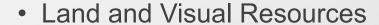
Provides non-weapons research and science services in multiple areas, including waste management, hazardous and radioactive material transportation, energy efficiency and renewable energy, nuclear energy, fossil energy, magnetic fusion, basic energy sciences, supercomputing, and biological and environmental research

SNL/NM Alternatives

- 1) No-Action continue current operations (status quo)
 - Activities, projects, and programs for which NEPA review is already complete or underway without modernization of aging facilities
- 2) Modernized Operations includes the scope of the No-Action Alternative along with modernizing facilities/infrastructure
 - Replacements, upgrades, and renovations
 - Decontamination, decommissioning, and demolition of aged facilities/infrastructure
- 3) Expanded Operations includes the scope of the Modernized Operations Alternative plus actions to expand operations and missions
 - Responds to future national security challenges and meets increasing requirements
 - Includes new facilities and upgrades construction that changes the nature & capability of facilities
 - Expands the capabilities at SNL/NM beyond those that currently exist

Resource Areas to Analyze

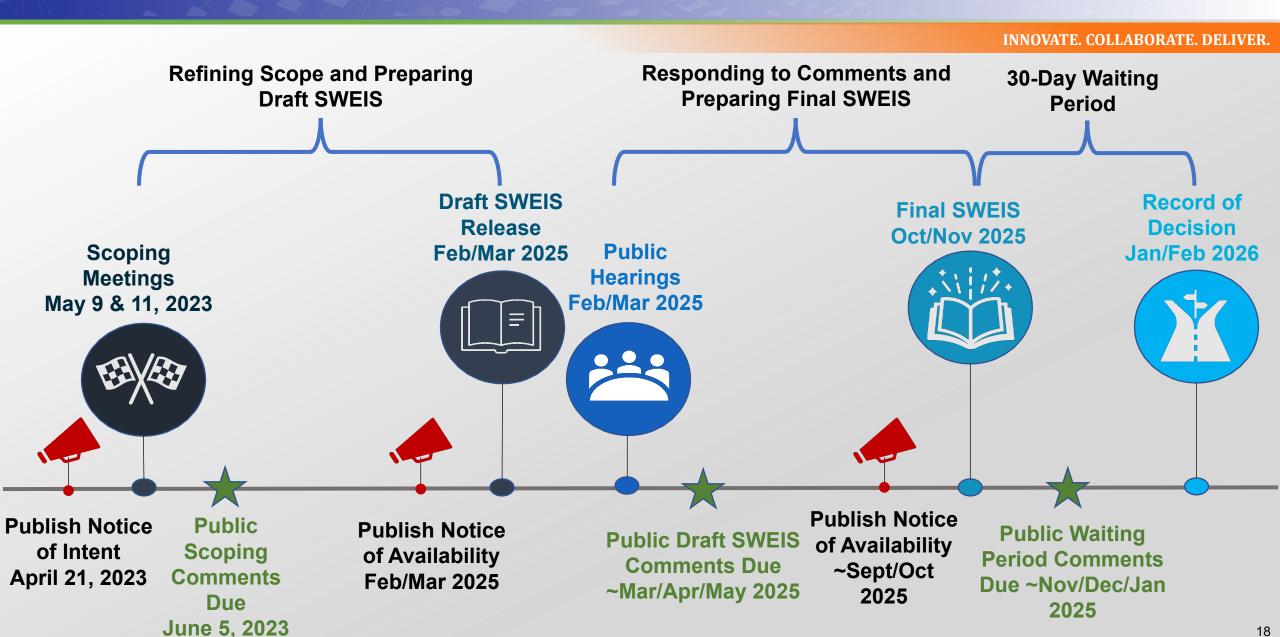




- Geology and Soils
- Water Resources
- Air Quality and Noise
- Ecological Resources
- Human Health and Safety
- Socioeconomics and Infrastructure

- Climate Change
- Cultural Resources
- Waste Management and Pollution Prevention
- Traffic and Transportation
- Environmental Justice
- Site Contamination and Remediation
- Accident Analysis and Intentional Destructive Acts

SNL/NM SWEIS Tentative Schedule



Recap

The comment period closes on June 5, 2023. Comments may be submitted to:

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Questions on the Presentation



Public Comments

- Limit comments to the scope of the SWEIS
- Those who signed up at the registration table, either before the meeting or at any time during it, will be called on to provide comments verbally
- Your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available, unless you ask that your name and/or other personally identifiable information be withheld
- You can comment anonymously, including for your comment tonight,
 by not providing your name or by asking to remain anonymous



Public Comments (cont.)

- 3-minute limit, although more time may be available depending on the number of speakers
- Verbal comments can also be supplemented or completed in writing
- Comment period closes June 5, 2023

Closing

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Thank you for attending tonight's meeting

