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SUBJECT: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) For  
The Proposed BELLA Laser Acquisition, Installation and Use for Research and  
Development at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) Berkeley,  
California (DOE/EA 1655)

The subject Environmental Assessment (EA), dated September 2009, has been reviewed in accordance with our responsibilities under the Department of Energy (DOE) Order 451.1B, paragraph 5a(9). Based upon this review, recommendations made by Berkeley Site Office (BSO) staff and, after consultation with the Office of Chief Counsel and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Officer, I have determined that within the meaning of NEPA, the proposed action is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The basis for this determination is explained in the attached Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the supporting final EA.

Please note that the BSO is responsible for providing public notice of the availability of the EA and FONSI in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.6(b), 10 CFR 1021.322, and DOE Order 451.1B, paragraph 5e(5). If you need further assistance or have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Gary Hartman, Oak Ridge Operations Office NEPA Compliance Officer at (510) 486-7909.

Attachment:  
NEPA Environmental Assessment for BELLA

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