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**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW ON THE SEISMIC PHASE
2B PROPOSED ACTION AT LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY
(INFORMATION SESSION TO BE HELD IN BERKELEY JULY 15)**

BERKELEY, CA – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will hold an information session on July 15, 2010, on the draft *Environmental Assessment for the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Seismic Life-Safety, Modernization, and Replacement of General Purpose Buildings, Phase 2B*, now available for public review and comment. The information session will be held from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, CA. The information session will be an opportunity for members of the public to review the Environmental Assessment, view posters on the Proposed Action, ask questions, and submit written comments. No formal presentation is planned and members of the public are welcome to stop by at any time during the information session.

The Proposed Action would remove approximately 43,000 gross square feet of office and laboratory space; provide approximately 43,000 gross square feet of new space in a new general purpose laboratory; and would seismically upgrade the Hazardous Waste Handling Facility. The Proposed Action purpose, need, and alternatives are discussed in the draft Environmental Assessment.

Members of the public are encouraged to review and comment on the draft Environmental Assessment. Written comments may be submitted by mail to Kim Abbott, National Environmental Policy Act Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Berkeley Site Office, One Cyclotron Road, M/S 90-R1023, Berkeley, CA 94720 or sent via e-mail to kim.abbott@bso.science.doe.gov. Written comments must be postmarked or received by e-mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2010, and include a return name and mailing address. Written comments may also be submitted to DOE at the public information session on July 15.

Copies of the draft Environmental Assessment are available for public review on the web at <http://www.lbl.gov/Community/SeismicPhase2B/index.html> and at the Berkeley Public Library at 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley, CA 94704. A copy of the draft Environmental Assessment may be obtained by contacting Kim Abbott by email at kim.abbott@bso.science.doe.gov or by voicemail at (510) 486-7909.