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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Project Title: THE LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY SEISMIC LIFE-SAFETY, MODERNIZATION AND REPLACEMENT OF GENERAL PURPOSE BUILDINGS, PHASE 2B

Lead Agency: Department of Energy

Project Location: One Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, California 94720

County: Alameda County

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Proposed Action: 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 purpose and need of the Proposed Action and its alternatives is to remedy or remove space at LBNL which poses life safety risks and to provide seismically safe and modern research space at LBNL.

Environmental Review and Comment: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), as federal lead agency, has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and DOE's *NEPA Implementing Procedures* (10 CFR Part 1021). The draft EA includes a description of the proposed project, as well as an environmental impact analysis covering the following resource areas: geological and seismic hazards, hazardous substances and human health, water resources, biological resources, aesthetics, transportation and traffic, noise, air quality, and greenhouse gases.

This notice formally solicits your comments on the Seismic Phase 2B draft EA referenced above. The draft EA can be obtained from the following website:

<http://www.lbl.gov/Community/SeismicSafety2B/index.html>; copies also are available for viewing at the Berkeley Public Library at 2090 Kittredge, Berkeley, CA 94704. Comments must include both your name and a mailing address and should be postmarked or received by email no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2010. Please mail your comments to the attention of Kim Abbott at the address noted above or email your comments to kim.abbott@bso.science.doe.gov. Kim Abbott will provide a confirmation of email receipt if requested.

There will be an information session held 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on July 15, 2010, at the South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, California. The information session will be an opportunity for members of the public to review the EA, 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.

If you have any questions regarding this NOA, the public information session, or to request a hard copy of the EA, please contact Kim Abbott by email at the address noted above or telephone him at (510) 486-7909.

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