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DOE FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REGARDING THE SEISMIC PHASE 2B PROPOSED ACTION AT LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY

BERKELEY, CA – The U.S. Department of Energy has completed an Environmental Assessment for the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Seismic Life-Safety Modernization, and Replacement of General Purpose Buildings, Phase 2B. Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Action, the U.S. Department of Energy has determined that no significant environmental impact is expected. The Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact are available to interested citizens.

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 Final Environmental Assessment.

The U.S. Department of Energy issued the draft Environmental Assessment for public comment on June 28, 2010 and the comment period closed on July 28, 2010. A public information session was held on July 15, 2010. The draft Environmental Assessment was distributed to local, state, and federal government officials as well as members of the public.

The public comments and the U.S. Department of Energy responses to those comments are presented in Appendix D of the Final Environmental Assessment. The Final Environmental Assessment (DOE/EA-1634) and Finding of No Significant Impact may be reviewed, and copies of the documents obtained, at the following website and/or location:

- <http://www.lbl.gov/Community/SeismicPhase2B/index.html>
- Kim Abbott, U.S. Department of Energy, Berkeley Site Office, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 1 Cyclotron Road, MS 90-1023, Berkeley, CA 94720, (510) 486-7909.

The Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact may also be reviewed at the Central Branch of the Berkeley Public Library, located at 2090 Kittredge, Berkeley, CA 94704.