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Subject: Notice of Preparation of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Seismic Phase 2B Project at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), Alameda County, California.

Dear Ms. Bryant:

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) NEPA regulations, we are preparing an EA for the Seismic Phase 2B Project at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Alameda County, California. DOE proposes to construct a new, approximately 35,000 - 43,000 gross square feet, General Purpose Laboratory to house conventional wet-lab facilities, seismically upgrade and stabilize the slope surrounding Building 85, and demolish seismically-rated "very poor" or "poor" facilities and antiquated space at the LBNL. Mission requirements are currently at risk because some of the buildings at LBNL have structural, architectural, mechanical, and electrical system deficiencies, and there is a mission need to replace some of these antiquated buildings. The proposed project would accomplish that mission need and would aid in consolidating and improving efficiency of the LBNL research program.

We contemplate that the NEPA EA and any companion Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that the Regents of the University of California undertake will be prepared as a single document. The draft EA/EIR is expected to be circulated for agency and public review in the summer of 2009.

The NEPA Compliance Officer for this document is Mr. Gary S. Hartman (Oak Ridge Office of Science Integrated Service Center at 865-576-0273); I am the NEPA Document Manager (DOE

Office of Science, Berkeley Site Office). If you have any questions regarding the NEPA document or process for this project, please contact me at (510) 486-7909.

Sincerely,



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