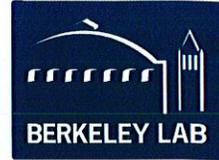


October 31, 2016



To: Interested governmental agencies and members of the public
Subject: Notice of Availability: Building 59 Upgrade & Installation & Operation of
NERSC-9 Project Draft Focused EIR ("NERSC-9 Project")

Dear Reader:

The University of California, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (UC LBNL) proposes to install the next generation of high-performance computing (supercomputing) systems in the existing Shyh Wang Hall facility (LBNL Building 59; formerly known as "CRT") at the LBNL hill site in Berkeley, Alameda County, California. The new high-performance computing system, called "NERSC-9," would support the continually increasing needs of scientists for complex simulation and data analysis. Along with the new high-performance computing system, additional power, cooling, and distribution equipment would be installed to augment existing building systems. The project would change neither the building's structure nor its occupancy. Upgrades would begin in 2017; the NERSC-9 system would be installed in 2020.

The University of California is the Lead Agency and has prepared a focused Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to review the proposed project's potential environmental impacts pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and UC CEQA Implementing Procedures. The EIR also supplements UC LBNL's 2006 Long Range Development Plan EIR by updating its program-level analysis of greenhouse gas emissions that would result from LRDP implementation.

The NERSC-9 Draft Focused EIR is available for review and comment by interested agencies and public members. **A 45-day comment period will extend from October 31, 2016 through December 15, 2016.** Please direct your comments pertinent to the EIR as provided on the back of this notice. All comments received during this period will be reviewed and addressed in a forthcoming Final EIR.

The University will hold a **Public Hearing on December 8, 2016** at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Street, Berkeley, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. This meeting will invite public input and comment on the scope and contents of the Draft Focused EIR.

Thank you for your interest in the proposed NERSC-9 Project and for your participation in the project environmental review process.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Philliber".

Jeff Philliber, Chief Environmental Planner
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

**NERSC-9 Project EIR
Agency and Public Commenting Information**

Document Availability

The Draft Focused Environmental Impact Report is available on-line:

<http://www.lbl.gov/community/NERSC-9-facility-upgrade>

In hard copy (for review on the premises):

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EIR Comments

To be considered and included in the University's forthcoming Final EIR, all comments should be received or post-marked by December 15, 2016 via any of the following:

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Questions

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