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Dear Mr. Harris--

I would like this added to the public comment on the MOXFFF DEIS docket

Thank you,

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- > Notice of Intent Issued for Supplemental Programmatic EIS Regarding a Modern
- > Pit Facility
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- > WASHINGTON, D C. - The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear
- > Security Administration (NNSA) today announced its intent to prepare a
- > Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on
- > Stockpile
- > Stewardship and Management for a Modern Pit Facility. This notice is the
- > first step in carrying out recommendations to develop a modern capability
- > to
- > manufacture plutonium pits. Pit production was shut down in 1989 at the
- > Rocky Flats Plant, and no pits have been produced since. The NNSA's
- > strategy
- > calls for a new facility to be in production by approximately 2020.
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- > The United States is the only nuclear power without the capability to
- > manufacture a plutonium pit, a critical component of a nuclear weapon that
- > functions as a trigger to allow a modern nuclear weapon to function. A new
- > facility would reestablish the capability to manufacture all pit types in
- > the nation's current nuclear stockpile and meet any future requirements in
- > an environmentally compliant manner.
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- > The action supports a recommendation in the Bush Administration's Nuclear
- > Posture Review, which states that the ability to produce pits is important
- > to ensure the future viability of the nation's nuclear deterrent. The lack
- > of pit production capability has also been identified as a critical
- > defense
- > readiness gap by Congress, the Department of Defense and outside experts,
- > including the Chiles Commission and the Foster Panel

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- > This Supplement to the Programmatic EIS will support two decisions: (1)
- > whether to proceed with a Modern Pit Facility; and (2) if so, where to
- > locate it. Five potential locations will be evaluated in the EIS: (1) Los
- > Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) at Los Alamos, New Mexico; (2) Nevada
- Test
- > Site, north of Las Vegas, Nevada; (3) Pantex Plant at Amarillo, Texas; (4)
- > Savannah River Site at Aiken, South Carolina; and (5) the Waste Isolation
- > Pilot Plant at Carlsbad, New Mexico. The EIS will also evaluate the
- > no-action alternative of maintaining current plutonium pit capabilities at
- > LANL, and the reasonableness of upgrading the existing facilities at LANL
- to
- > increase pit production capacity.
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- > NNSA is inviting comments related to its intention to prepare this
- > Supplemental Programmatic EIS. Comments should be submitted within 60 days
- > and can be mailed to Mr. Jay Rose, Document Manager, U.S. Department of
- > Energy/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.
- > Comments may also be faxed to 1-202-586-5324, or e-mailed to
- > James.Rose@nnsa.doe.gov.
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- > Public meetings to discuss issues and receive comments on the scope of
- this
- > EIS will be held in the vicinity of site alternatives, as well as in
- > Washington, D.C. The public scoping meetings will provide the public with
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- > opportunity to present comments, ask questions, and discuss issues with
- NNSA
- > representatives regarding this EIS. The locations, dates, and times for
- > these public scoping meetings are as follows:
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- > Pantex- October 8, 2002
- > 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
- > College Union Building, Oak Room
- > Amarillo College, Washington Street Campus
- > 24th and Jackson Streets
- > Amarillo, TX 79178
- > (806) 371-5100
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- > Carlsbad, NM- October 10, 2002
- > 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
- > U.S. Department of Energy
- > Carlsbad Area Office
- > Skeen-Whitlock Building
- > 4021 National Parks Highway
- > Carlsbad, NM 88220
- > (505) 234-7227
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- > Washington, D.C.- October 15, 2002
- > 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
- > U.S. Department of Energy
- > 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 1E-245
- > Washington, DC 20585

- > (202) 586-0821
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- > Nevada Test Site- October 17, 2002
- > 7:00 p.m - 10.00 p m.
- > U.S. Department of Energy
- > Nevada Operations Office
- > Auditorium
- > 232 Energy Way
- > Las Vegas, NV 89030
- > (702) 295-3521
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- > Los Alamos National Laboratory – October 24, 2002
- > 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
- > Duane W. Smith Auditorium
- > 1400 Diamond Drive
- > Los Alamos, NM 87544
- > (505) 663-2510
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- > Savannah River Site -- October 29, 2002
- > 7:00 p.m - 10:00 p.m
- > North Augusta Community Center
- > 495 Brookside Avenue
- > North Augusta, SC 29841
- > (803) 441-4290
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- > Media Contacts: Brian Wilkes (202) 586-7371
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