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The Honorable Thomas D'Agostino
Administrator
National Nuclear Security Administration
1000 Independence Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary D'Agostino:

I am writing to encourage that the current period for public comment on the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Draft Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS) be extended for an additional 90 days, from April 10, 2008, to July 8, 2008. This extended period would give sufficient time for your office to receive comments on what is an extremely important proposal.

The Draft Complex Transformation SPEIS proposes sweeping changes to the existing structure of the NNSA, including enormous changes to Los Alamos National Laboratory, an institution which I proudly represent. It is essential that the input of those individuals and organizations that will be affected by the SPEIS, both in Northern New Mexico and elsewhere, be accepted and reviewed. While I appreciate the original 90 days you granted for public comment and applaud your efforts to "consider comments received after this date to the extent practicable," as you state in the Notice of Availability, on a proposal of this magnitude, with far reaching implications for facilities and communities, a formal extension of time is appropriate and necessary.

Again, I respectfully request an extension of the existing public comment and review period for an additional 90 days. This may be enormously helpful in ensuring that the NNSA proposal is fully examined and that its process of consideration is as inclusive as possible.

Very truly yours,

Tom Udall

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