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The National Nuclear Security Administration Announces Its Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Plutonium Pit Production and Public Scoping Meetings

On Friday May 9, 2025, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) announced its intent to initiate a National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) process to ensure NEPA compliance for the production of plutonium pits in support of NNSA's Stockpile Stewardship and Management Program. The PEIS will evaluate the programmatic environmental impacts of producing pits at the Congressionally mandated rate (and potentially other reasonable rates) using various single site and multi-site alternatives; associated activities at other NNSA sites; and associated waste management and transportation activities.

DATES: NNSA invites all interested agencies (Federal, State, Native American Tribes, county, and local), public interest groups, businesses, and members of the public to submit comments on the scope, environmental issues, and alternatives for consideration by NNSA in the draft PEIS until July 14, 2025. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable. NNSA will hold two virtual public scoping meetings for the proposed PEIS as follows:

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 5:00 - 7:30 pm ET

Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/PuPEISMTg1>

Dial in by Phone: (571) 429-4592

Phone ID: 808 821 801#

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm ET

Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/PuPEISMTg2>

Dial in by Phone: (571) 429-4592

Phone ID: 989 289 432#

All meeting times Eastern time.

NNSA will provide a brief presentation on the NEPA process and the PEIS and then NNSA will accept public comments on the scope of the PEIS.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the PEIS, requests to be placed on the PEIS distribution list, and comments or questions on the scoping process should be sent to: Ms. Jade Fortiner, NEPA Document Manager, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Pit Production Modernization, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 or email to PitPEIS@nnsa.doe.gov. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be advised that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available. If you wish for NNSA to withhold your name and/or other personally identifiable information, please state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. You may also submit comments anonymously. Also, NNSA requests Federal, State, and local agencies that desire to be designated as cooperating agencies on the PEIS to contact the NEPA Document Manager at the address listed in this section by the end of the scoping period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact Ms. Kristen M. Dors, NEPA Compliance Officer, NNSA Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Los Alamos Field Office, 3747 West Jemez Road, Los Alamos, NM 87544; telephone: 505-606-8953; or email to: PitPEIS@nnsa.doe.gov. This Notice will be available on the Internet at: Notice of intent article page: <https://www.energy.gov/nepa/articles/doeeis-0573-notice-intent-may-2025>

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