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REVISED CRITICAL DECISION 0/PHASE II DETERMINATION FOR THE LOS ALAMOS TECHNICAL AREA 18 MISSION RELOCATION PROJECT

**Manager, Albuquerque Operations Office
Manager, Nevada Operations Office
Manager, Los Alamos Site Office**

Based on information provided during the concept development phase, Defense Programs is proceeding with revised conceptual design activities (Critical Decision (CD)-0, Phase II) for siting Technical Area (TA)-18 Security Category I/II missions at the Device Assembly Facility (DAF) at the Nevada Test Site (NTS). This project contains three sub-projects:

- (1) executing a line item project to accomplish moving designated missions to the DAF,
- (2) planning and budgeting for ongoing maintenance and operation of TA-18, and
- (3) planning and budget for the remaining Security Category III/IV missions at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). This decision replaces the previous CD-0/Phase II decision issued on July 27, 2001.

To ensure appropriate oversight of this complex initiative, Dr. David Crandall, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Research Development and Simulation (NA-11) will serve as the program lead for this project. A team headed by Mr. Gene Rodriguez (Los Alamos Site Office) will have overall responsibility for integrating the three sub-projects.

Mr. Tim McEvoy (Nevada Operations Office) will serve as the deputy team leader until such time as the physical components begin to transfer to the DAF. At that point in the project, Mr. McEvoy will assume the lead responsibility and Mr. Rodriguez will serve as the team deputy.

All recommendations and requests from the team will be forwarded to the Deputy Administrator (NA-10) through the Federal Program Manager, Ms. Tracey Bishop.

Mr. Charles Cormier (Albuquerque Operations Office) will continue as the Federal Project Manager for all line item construction aspects of this project and will work closely with the team.

At this time, the team is authorized to begin conceptual design reports for the missions specified in the TA-18 Mission Relocation Program Requirements Document. The team is tasked with identifying a support service contractor to perform this conceptual design work and providing a brief justification of the selection to Dr. Beckner through Ms. Bishop and Dr. Crandall. Additionally, the Los Alamos Site Office is authorized to restart TA-18 transition plans to maintain TA-18 facilities operational for mission requirements during the interim period and to conduct pre-conceptual activities to identify options for the Security Category III/IV activities.

In fiscal year (FY) 2003, no additional funds were requested for conducting these conceptual design activities. NA-10 is currently dispatching remaining FY 2002 funds (about \$1 million) to initiate this work. Albuquerque and Nevada Operations Offices are directed to work with their contractors and identify sources from within existing Readiness in Technical Base and Facility funding allocations to cover remaining activities and to submit the final cost estimates and schedules related to supporting a CD-1 decision to NA-11 no later than Friday, August 30, 2002. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dennis Miotla at 301-903-4142 or Ms. Bishop at 301-903-5543.

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