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The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) Laboratory Accreditation Program for Substances of Abuse (LAPSA) has been given deemed status by the Department of Transportation. The SCC has accredited the following Canadian laboratories for the conduct of forensic urine drug testing required by Department of Transportation regulations:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability and Public Comment Period on Draft Protocols for Scientific Studies To Be Performed at Ward Valley, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of 30 day public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Interior (DOI) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announce the availability of draft Sampling Protocols for scientific studies to be performed at the Ward Valley site. The draft Sampling Protocols have been prepared pursuant to a contract with BLM by two scientists who served on a National Academy of Sciences (NAS) panel on Ward Valley. The NAS panel made recommendations in 1995 that provide the basis for testing and analysis of tritium and related substances. The testing is intended to investigate the extent to which tritium released into the atmosphere in the 1950's and 1960's has migrated below the surface of the soil at the Ward Valley site.

DATES: Public comments on the draft Sampling Protocols must be received by December 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft Sampling Protocols may be obtained upon request. Submit requests to: Ward Valley Project Coordinator, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451. The draft Sampling Protocols are available on the Internet at: www.ca.blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Mills, Contract Officer Representative, U.S.D.I., Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825, tel: (916) 978-4636.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOI and BLM are preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on a proposed land transfer to the State of California for the purpose of developing a low-level radioactive waste facility at Ward Valley. The site of the proposed federal transfer is located in San Bernardino County, California, approximately 20 miles west of the City of Needles. Following receipt and consideration of comments, it is intended that Sampling Protocols will be finalized and testing carried out pursuant to the final Sampling Protocols. The proposed testing is subject to an environmental assessment (EA) prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA is being released for public review and comment on this date. In addition to this opportunity to review the draft protocol and comment under this notice, the public will also have the opportunity to review and comment on the results of the tritium, and related materials testing and analysis in the draft SEIS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability and Public Comment Period on Environmental Assessment (EA) of Tritium and Related Materials Testing on Public Lands in Ward Valley, San Bernardino County, California

AGENCY: California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of 30 day public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared an EA of proposed plans regarding tritium and related materials testing in Ward Valley.

The proposed plans were separately prepared by DOI/BLM and the State of California, Department of Health Services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Public comments on the EA must be received by December 8, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this comment period is to ensure that the public has sufficient opportunity to review and comment on all pertinent information on the impacts associated with separate federal and state proposals for testing for tritium and related materials in Ward Valley. The testing for tritium and related materials will be carried out to effectuate the recommendations of a National Academy of Sciences panel. Data obtained from the federal sampling and analysis, and from the State's if available, will be included in a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), analyzing the proposed transfer of federal land to the State of California for construction of a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EA may be obtained upon request. Submit requests to: Ward Valley Project Coordinator, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451. The EA is available on the Internet at: www.ca.blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Mills, Contract Officer Representative, U.S.D.I., Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825, tel: (916) 978-4636.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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North American Free Trade Agreement: Probable Economic Effect on U.S. Industries and Consumers of Accelerated Elimination of U.S. Tariffs on Certain Articles From Mexico, Round Two

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 30, 1997.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on October 20, 1997, of a request from the Office of the United States Trade Representative