

May 1, 2007

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Project Title:** Construction and Operations of the Berkeley Lab Guest House  
**Project Location:** Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory  
**Lead Agency:** University of California  
**County:** Alameda

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.), and the University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, an Initial Study for the above-named project was prepared that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the project.

### **Project Description**

The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) proposes to construct and operate a three-story, 25,000 gross square foot (gsf) Guest House. The proposed Guest House would be composed of 60 guest rooms, common spaces, a reception area, storage areas, an outdoor patio area, and access facilities including stairwells and ADA-compliant ramps. The proposed project, would be located between Buildings 2 and 54 and accessible via Cyclotron Road near the center of the LBNL main hill site in Berkeley, California. The Guest House would address a lack of convenient, affordable, and short-term accommodations on the LBNL campus for visitors to LBNL and associated UC Berkeley scientific facilities.

### **Environmental Review and Comment**

A Negative Declaration has been deemed appropriate for this project and this letter is intended to serve as notice of intent to adopt a Negative Declaration for this project. The Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration are being circulated for public review and comment and are available at <http://www.lbl.gov/Community/env-rev-docs.html> or the following locations:

Berkeley Lab Main Library  
One Cyclotron Road  
Bldg. 50, Room 4034  
Berkeley, CA 94720

Berkeley Public Library  
2090 Kittredge Street  
2nd Floor, Reference Desk  
Berkeley, CA 94704

**The public review and comment period for the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration will extend from Tuesday, May 1, 2007 through Thursday, May 31, 2007.** Comments may be submitted in writing to Jeff Philliber, Environmental Planning Coordinator, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Email: [jgphilliber@lbl.gov](mailto:jgphilliber@lbl.gov) or mail to Jeff Philliber, LBNL, One Cyclotron Road, MS 90J0120, Berkeley, CA 94720.

The project and the Proposed Negative Declaration will be considered for approval at the Regents of the University of California Committee on Grounds and Buildings in July 2007. The Negative Declaration will become Final if adopted by the Regents.

Sincerely,

Jeff Philliber, Environmental Planning Coordinator  
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

**CC: State Agencies**

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 CA Air Resources Board, Executive Officer, Catherine Witherspoon,  
 CA Department of Fish and Game, Director, Ryan Brodrick,  
 CA Department of Health Services, Chief, Radiological Health Branch, Edgar Bailey, et al.  
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 CA Environmental Protection Agency, Secretary, Linda S. Adams, et al.  
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