



Notice of Proposed Floodplain Action for Lower Los Alamos Canyon Gaging Station

The Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management, Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) is issuing this notice of proposed floodplain action for the installation of a gaging station in Lower Los Alamos Canyon east of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) on Pueblo de San Ildefonso land.

The proposed action would include removal of an inoperable gaging station and installation of a new gaging station in the 100-year floodplain of the Rio Grande. The new gaging station would measure storm water flow down Los Alamos Canyon into the Rio Grande. EM-LA worked closely with the Pueblo de San Ildefonso and the Buckman Direct Diversion Board to develop this proposed action.

Pursuant to 10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1022, the 15-day public comment period for this proposed floodplain action commences with publication of this notice and will conclude on June 16, 2022. Following the conclusion of the public comment period, EM-LA will reevaluate alternatives to the proposed floodplain action and the mitigating measures, taking into account all substantive comments received, and prepare a floodplain statement of findings.

The floodplain assessment may be viewed online with the following link:

<https://cms.doe.gov/nepa/articles/los-alamos-national-laboratory-floodplain-assessment-lower-los-alamos-canyon-gaging>

To submit comments, please contact the EM-LA National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Officer, Jesse Kahler, at jesse.kahler@em.doe.gov