



**Notice of Proposed Floodplain Action
for Regional Groundwater Monitoring Well SIMR-3 and Access Road Improvements**

Public Comment Period Closes April 5, 2024

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) is issuing this notice of proposed floodplain action for the installation of a new groundwater monitoring well, San Ildefonso Regional Monitoring Well 3 (SIMR-3), in Mortandad Canyon on Pueblo de San Ildefonso lands near Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The proposed action would include the construction of a well pad; drilling and installation of a monitoring well; well development; site stabilization and revegetation. Access roads to the project area will also be improved. The primary objective of the proposed action is to increase monitoring capability along the southern boundary of the hexavalent chromium plume. SIMR-3 is being proposed in cooperation with Pueblo de San Ildefonso.

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 April 5, 2024. Following the conclusion of the public comment period, EM-LA will reevaluate alternatives to the proposed floodplain action and the mitigating measures, considering all substantive comments received, and prepare a floodplain statement of findings.

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

<https://www.energy.gov/node/4839124>

Submit written comments via

Email: EMLA-NEPA@em.doe.gov with subject line Well SIMR-3 Comment

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