



**Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management**

**Invitation to Comment on the Proposed Environmental Cleanup
Remedy for the
DOE Laboratory for Energy-Related Health Research (LEHR) Site
University of California, Davis**

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Distribution:

The U.S. Department of Energy wants to hear your views on the environmental cleanup remedy for the DOE areas of the former Laboratory for Energy-Related Health Research (LEHR) at the University of California, Davis. Your input on the DOE LEHR Proposed Plan is an important part of the decision-making process.

Federal government sponsored research at LEHR between 1958 and 1988 generated radiological and hazardous waste that was disposed on site. Because some of this waste contaminated soil and groundwater, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designated LEHR a Superfund cleanup site in 1994. Under a Federal Facilities agreement, UC Davis and DOE are responsible for completing the environmental cleanup at LEHR. This Proposed Plan addresses only the cleanup in six DOE areas; UC Davis will issue a separate proposed plan for groundwater and other disposal units on the site in the future.

Investigation and analysis of the remaining contaminants in the DOE areas provided the data to estimate the potential risk to human health and the environment. DOE prepared a detailed evaluation of remedial alternatives to complete the cleanup in the Feasibility Study. The Proposed Plan summarized the remedial alternatives that were developed and evaluated in the Feasibility Study and identifies DOE's preferred alternative.

The 30-day public comment period for the DOE Proposed Plan will run from Oct. 15 through Nov. 17, 2008, and written comments may be submitted at any time during that period either by mail or e-mail.

You can also provide verbal and written comments on the Proposed Plan at a public meeting on Oct. 23, 2008, at the Veterans Memorial Center in Davis, CA. At this meeting, DOE will discuss the site's background, summarize the Proposed Plan, answer questions, and receive your comments.

Information on how to submit comments and additional meeting information is located on the front page of the Proposed Plan and on the DOE LEHR Site website.

At the end of the comment period, DOE will review the comments and, based on public input and in consultation with the U.S. EPA, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California Department of Public Health, and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, make a final decision on the site environmental cleanup remedy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Pauling".

Thomas C. Pauling
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For more information visit the DOE LEHR Site website at:
<http://www.lm.doe.gov/land/sites/ca/lehr/lehr.htm>