K. Land Transfer Area

1. General Description

The Land Transfer Area contains 5.7 square miles and corresponds with the boundaries of TAs-72 and -74. The area is geographically remote from the main body of the Laboratory.

Planning assumptions for the Land Transfer Area are limited.

- Portions of the Land Transfer Area will be transferred to other agencies in the future and will not be under the jurisdiction of the Laboratory after the transfer.
2. **Opportunities and Constraints**

The following opportunities and constraints affect physical planning in the Land Transfer Area.

**Physical/Operational Constraints**

Discussion of operational and environmental constraints for the Land Transfer Area can be found in detail in the *Environmental Impact Statement for the Conveyance and Transfer of Certain Land Tracts Administered by the Department of Energy and Located at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties, New Mexico* (1999).

As summarized by the above reference, there are no significant operational/environmental constraints associated with this area. Environmental remediation (ER) efforts in the Land Transfer Area will continue.

**Development Opportunities**

Once transferred, this land will no longer be under the jurisdiction control of the Department of Energy (DOE). Of the total 3,652 acres in the Land Transfer Area, 3,133.5 DOE acres are proposed for transfer. Most of the remaining DOE land is east and northeast of TA-53, and this land serves as a buffer to operations within TA-53.
Map VI-K2: Land Transfer Area Development Opportunities Map

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- Technical Area Boundary
- Non Dept. of Energy Property
- Planning Area
- Unique Operational and/or Physical Considerations Exist
- Excellent Development Potential
- Good Development Potential
- Fair Development Potential
- Poor Development Potential
- Radiation Source

Areas of one acre or less are incorporated into the surrounding larger areas.
3. **Future Changes**

The sole land use in the Land Transfer Area is Reserve, except for three small areas used by a NM State Highway Maintenance facility, a U.S. forest Service wastewater treatment plant, and several water wells.

Of the total 3,652 acres in the Land Transfer Area, 3,133.5 DOE acres are proposed for transfer. The intent is to convey or transfer land to the County of Los Alamos and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso. An agreement is currently being prepared to identify which entity would receive which parcel. It is anticipated that the entire process may take up to 10 years.

The *Environmental Impact Statement* for this area considers cultural or environmental preservation as the best use for the Land Transfer Area.

No site planning for the area is occurring, as the Land Transfer Area is included in various DOE land parcels for transfer to one or more adjacent political entities.