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Statement Regarding Report of Missing Inventory At Los Alamos National Lab

Washington, D.C. – Today, Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham released the following statement regarding inventory control procedures and the news of missing computer equipment released yesterday by Los Alamos National Lab management:

“I am deeply troubled that Los Alamos National Lab is unable to account for computer equipment and other materials as part of lab management’s inventory control and audit program.”

“As previously directed, an investigation of these issues, including inventory control procedures, is ongoing by appropriate Department of Energy officials.”

“This disclosure is yet another example of poor management of business practices that the University of California and the new laboratory management must resolve, and resolve quickly.”

“I expect a full and thorough investigation by Department officials as part of the ongoing review of the University of California’s management of Los Alamos National Lab.”

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