

Update on the Deep Underground Science & Engineering Laboratory (DUSEL)

LBLNu Collaboration Meeting
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DUSEL Update

- January NSF DUSEL Project Status Review, UC Berkeley
 - First annual review of project by NSF
 - 24 world-class experts:
 - Management, cost, schedule, risk, ES&H, geotechnical, E&O, experiments
 - Focus on facility & infrastructure, experimental program
 - Excellent review. Recommendations being considered by NSF.
- Stimulus, FY09 & 10 Physics Division allocations embargoed, or not yet adjudicated
 - From conference, 7% increase in FY09 NSF R&RA
 - Process not yet complete

DUSEL Update

- Prior to budget wrangling, FY09 funding:
 - S3, final allotment
 - S4
 - Accelerated facility design:
 - Large cavity design and development, other geotechnical
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
 - DUSEL R&D put on hold this year (FY09)
- S4 proposal deadline 9 January 2009
 - Panel mostly assembled
 - Review in spring, awards over summer
- Discussions with DOE continue, progress being made