

CITY OF ESPAÑOLA



March 29, 2010



Alice A. Lucero
Mayor

New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous Waste Bureau
Attention: Mr. John E. Kieling
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Cecilia Lujan
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Mr. John E. Kieling,

Councilors

Rosario "Chayo" Garcia

Please be advised that the City of Española is in full support of Los Alamos National Laboratory and its effort to obtain hazardous waste permit (EP ID No NM0890010515) from your department. It is our understanding that a partial denial of the permit was based on the question of need for open burning of residue generated by the Laboratory's counterterrorism and national security research.

Helen Kain-Salazar

Cory J. Lewis

The City of Espanola believes that issuance of a permit that allows for open burning of non-nuclear waste is essential to protecting our military and the nation's welfare. We trust that this method of disposal is preferable to other alternatives such as transporting through our city. Furthermore, arguments presented thus far do not convince the City of any significant negative impacts to the health and safety of our residents and to the environment in general of northern New Mexico.

Greg Ortega

Dennis Tim Salazar

Robert J. Seeds

Pedro Valdez

Executive Staff

Leroy A. Garcia
City Manager

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this matter. Again, the City of Española is in full support of Los Alamos National Laboratory obtaining a permit from the New Mexico Environment Department for management of hazardous waste that includes open burning authorization.

Heather E. Velasquez
City Clerk

Thank You,

Alice A. Lucero, Mayor

