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Mr. John E. Kieling, Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Kieling,

February 26, 2010

I write to you today as a citizen of Los Alamos County. I am employed at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, however, my main interest in this communication is as a nearby resident of LANL.

I understand that the NMED desires under the current renewal of LANL's hazardous waste permit for the storage and treatment of waste to exclude the burning of high explosive waste on site. As you know, with LANL being a weapons laboratory the ability to handle high explosives, before and after testing, is integral to its operation. The high explosive wastes currently generated cannot be shipped off site per U.S. Dept. of Transportation regulations, by my understanding. This would leave LANL in a position to either store these wastes long term, awaiting a solution, or to stop testing activities that generate high explosive wastes. Neither alternative is beneficial to the immediate community, or the United States.

LANL, like any other large industrial installation, has had its share of environmental problems to deal with. I, as a citizen in a nearby community, have enough confidence in LANL and NNSA officials to maintain an environmental program that is reasonably safe for the general public. If I did not believe that sincerely, I would not have my family living approximately two miles, straight aerial distance, from LANL's TA-54 site.

LANL needs to maintain its ability to treat on site its high explosive wastes.

Sincerely,

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