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**Subject:** LANL Experimental High Explosives on the public roadways

Mr. Kieling:

It has come to my attention that NMED has denied LANL's permit to treat experimental High Explosives on laboratory property and has opted instead to require that LANL ship these wastes untreated over the New Mexico public highways to off-site disposal facilities.

If this is true, can I ask why? It seems unreasonable when LANL engineering personnel have been burning the waste on-site, rendering it inert in a remote area of New Mexico under controlled conditions with documented air monitoring that shows no ill effect to the environment or community of Los Alamos county.

What is the rationale for deciding now to put unstable, experimental explosives on the public highways where they are at risk of being involved in traffic accidents or spills?

Miles Littlefield  
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