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To: Kieling, John, NMENV
Subject: Plan for transuranic waste is inadequate

I am writing to comment on the plan to build a new Transuranic Waste Facility at Los Alamos. I am stunned at this plan, which ignores many issues of the inadequacy of this site for long-term storage of ANY kind of nuclear or hazardous materials. I understand that the waste is to be sorted, so some can be shipped regularly to WIPP. But the WIPP site cannot serve this purpose past 2030, and your Los Alamos site is not a long-term site, either. This waste needs to be stored safely for generations. I can only point out the obvious-- that US DOE should not be authorizing construction of any facility that cannot safely hold waste far into the future. Further, it should be obvious that this region is subject to earthquakes, as well as fires, and that the populations at risk include indigenous people as well anyone using air or water in this fragile state. I know the procedure here focuses on narrow questions, but I believe my concerns apply to both the narrow question at hand and the larger central question. Answer: No. It is time to seriously downsize operations at the lab and to stop building infrastructure to support nuclear weapons.

Sincerely

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