



REGARDING THE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY KEPT SECRET:

I want to say a few words about the documents that we have been reading into the hearing record, some of which had been held secret for a decade.

I hope as these documents are read, everyone can hear how often over and over again, the documents ^{say} such phrases as: lacks sufficient technical detail, severely deficient, difficult to justify, missing information, incomplete; poorly written and difficult to follow the assumptions; not clearly identified or discussed; options should be described; the risk assessment will need to be redone; revise the report to calculate a more accurate Hazard Index for the construction worker scenario; inconsistent with the human health risk assessment; many detected chemicals were eliminated without adequate justification; should be included; numerous incidents where information was presented but not supported; LANL has yet to provide descriptions of wastes to be stored at each unit; revise the application to include all pertinent figures; these issues need to be resolved immediately; and implementation of a sound safety strategy must be pursued on an urgent basis. *Tech Law*

Even if most of these directives have been taken care of by now, this definitely shows a pattern of sloppyness regarding care for the environment and the health of both workers and neighbors.

~~Also~~ ^{If} the public would have had access to those documents a decade ago, different decisions could have been made and we wouldn't have all the contamination problems we have now, ~~such as the pollutants~~ in the Rio Grande, groundwater and air.

LANL claims that these ^{contaminants} ~~pollutants~~ are below standard and therefore OK. But the standard is based on what is called "reference man," which is a healthy Caucasian 154-pound male in his twenties, with height of 5 ft. 7 in. These standards are not sufficient for *many* people of color, or anyone who weighs less than 154 pounds or is shorter than 5'7", or has compromised immune systems. Women, children, fetuses, and the elderly are especially susceptible to toxins and other pollutants. The "Reference Man" standards are not adequate standards for the majority of citizens living and working near the Lab. If the pollutants are present in our rivers, groundwater and air, they pose potential health hazards to citizens downwind and downstream from the Los Alamos Lab, and who have already borne the burden of too many contaminants in their environment. We do not want any more toxins in our air, soil and water, not even the smallest amount. It is time to stop.

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