



Public Hearing Comments

Hello. My name is Lisa Rosendorf. I am currently an employee of the Los Alamos National Laboratory and also a resident of Santa Fe. My comments here are my own and should not be construed to represent LANL's position.

As a mother of small children, and like any concerned resident, I want to make sure the air we breathe and the water we drink is healthy and safe. I think much of the permit that NMED has prepared is a positive step. It is important that each waste storage, treatment and disposal site in New Mexico receives a permit. Permitting requirements need to be consistently applied, and requirements need to be based on regulations and provide clear and consistent guidance for facilities to operate under and for the regulator to enforce.

There are several key issues that I would like to address.

First - removal of the Open Burning is not justified - ON environmental grounds. The treatment units for open burning are designed so that they burn hot and clean. No impact to human health or the environment is present. However, it NMED imposes a requirement to ship the wastes elsewhere, the trucking impacts could be significant because there are few if any in-state options for burning this type of hazardous waste. And these wastes must be burned - if not here then somewhere else. And frankly, I trust the Laboratory's environmental controls more than I would trust the environmental controls of the burning in Texas or elsewhere, where they may not have the environmental requirements to burn hot and clean like we do. How many miles to the gallon to these big hazardous waste trucks get? What are the emissions of the big hazardous waste trucks? What are the safety hazards posed to other drivers in New Mexico by the trucking? These environmental impacts could all be avoided by allowing Open Burning. If there were significant emissions generated as a result of Open Burning, I would feel very differently about this issue. But that is not the case.

Second - information repository - Anything other than a virtual information repository is not justified on environmental grounds. It has been proposed that in addition to the virtual repository there be a hard copies of everything stored in a location in Espanola. We are talking about stacks and stacks of paper - and many trees sacrificed to maintain this hard copy repository. Additionally, it encourages people in Santa Fe and Los Alamos and other places to drive many miles to review the information. Automobile emissions are one of the top sources of emissions in this state and in the country. I recommend keeping the repository online, accessible to all in a modern, 21<sup>st</sup> century way and preventing loss of trees or unnecessary automobile emission.

Thank you for your consideration. Protection of the public health as well as the environment is an extremely high priority for both sides of this issue and for all of us who live and work here. Please make sure that environmental health and safety are truly guiding NMED's decision making.

Lisa Rosendorf

Santa Fe, NM

LISA

ROSENDORF

4-23-2010

33750

