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From: David Chavez [dchav_unmchem@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2010 5:30 PM
To: Kieling, John, NMENV
Subject: comments on LANL's open burn/open detonation permit

Dear Mr. Kieling,

I am writing to support the open burn/open detonation permit the Los Alamos National Lab has through the New Mexico Environmental Department.

The loss of this permit will have long term negative impacts on our state and the Nation. Below, I list the just a few of them:

Economic:

Loss of the permit will cause loss of R&D work at the lab and lead to loss of hundreds of jobs for the state.

The remaining R&D will increase costs to customers because of increased disposal cost, thus worsening the impact to jobs in New Mexico. We can not afford to loose more jobs in these difficult economic times.

National Security Impacts:

LANL R&D has broad impacts on our nations security. The elimination of the permit will have a direct impact on LANL to respond to national security threats in many areas including domestic and international terrorist threats with explosives, nuclear materials smuggling and proliferation. Additionally LANL missions contribute to the security of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The loss of the permit would certainly have a negative effect on the nation to respond to national security emergencies and in addition will be detrimental to our nation's ability to be proactive when addressing global security threats.

Thank you for your consideration,

David Chavez

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