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RCRA Permit
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Mr Kieling,

Attached please find my comments on LANL's Hazardous Waste Permit.

Rebecca Clark



New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous Waste Bureau

John Kieling

The following are my comments on the LANL Hazardous Waste Permit.

I am commenting as a private citizen and 18.5 year resident of Los Alamos. I have a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from UC Berkeley. Prior to moving to Los Alamos, I worked for 10 years for Pacific Gas and Electric Company in California doing a variety of environmental compliance work, including air quality, water quality, and hazardous waste. I support approval of the hazardous waste permit along with open burning.

I have raised 3 daughters in Los Alamos and am confident in LANL's dedication to protecting human health and the environment. All of the scientists I have met through my volunteer work in PTO, soccer, high school marching band and choirs, Girl Scouts, and other community activities have demonstrated a high level of commitment to environmental stewardship and confidence in LANL's environmental performance. This has been confirmed in the last 5 years that I have spent working for a LANL contractor.

Based on my experience working for PG&E and LANL I am convinced that open burning is the safest way to handle specific lab waste streams handled at the open burn units. These waste streams result from research critical to protection of our armed forces and our citizens. I have not seen any evidence that this open burning poses a threat to human health or the environment. I strongly encourage the NMED to consider the scientific evidence and approve the RCRA permit with open burning. It is so important that this vital research done at LANL be allowed to continue.

Sincerely,
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