

Permit



Kieling, John, NMENV

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Subject: Permit

Dear Mr. Kieling,

In the Thursday, April 1, 2010, Journal Santa Fe, there was an article about Los Alamos National Laboratory. This article described the important work that LANL is doing to educate our soldiers on explosively formed projectiles. I fully support this work and congratulate the lab on expanding its mission beyond nuclear weapons. The article stated that this work is in jeopardy because NMED wants to deny LANL a permit to burn the explosive residue. The article also stated that one reason that NMED wanted to deny the permit is that public comment has been against allowing the permit. The article in the paper was the first time that I had heard of the issue. Obviously, someone has mounted a campaign against the lab and you will now hear other opinions. The information presented indicate that there is no risk to humans and small or insignificant risk to wildlife. I believe NMED should grant the permit to LANL to continue the existing process of burning explosive residue.

The article also states that certain members of NMED believe that the lab should consider alternatives. I believe that transporting explosive residue is more a danger than burning. I also disagree with trying to make the issue "someone else's problem." Transporting and disposing of waste is also an expensive alternative, which would take money away from the training program itself.

I tried to find a link to comment on NMED web site, but could not find any information about this issue. If there is a better way to comment, please let me know.

Sincerely,
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