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John E. Kieling, Acting Hazardous Waste Bureau Chief
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New Mexico Environment Department
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6303

Re: Request for NMED to Deny Permit Modification Request for Proposed Transuranic Waste Facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory and / or require public input

Dear Mr. Kieling:

I am opposed to the proposed Transuranic Waste Facility (TRUWF) Class 2 permit modification request from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). I respectfully request that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) deny the permit modification request. If the NMED does not deny the permit modification request, then NMED must determine that the LANL request is a Class 3 permit modification, which allows for additional public comment and opportunity for public hearings.


1. The modification request does not protect human health and the environment and must be denied. LANL and its management institutions are NOT being accountable to the community and people in terms of safety and for the future. No longer should we be subjected to poison nor pollution on our lands, in the air, in our water or against our people. The environment of New Mexico as a whole has been dismissed for too long already.

2. LANL must continue to focus on cleanup of legacy Cold War waste. The TRUWF will not manage the already buried waste, which is contaminating soils and migrating to surface and ground water.

Two recent wildfires, the Cerro Grande and Las Conchas, as well as recent seismic activity in the area are notable instabilities that obviously affect Los Alamos and quite importantly LANL and its security.

No more - none - zero - nada - waste storage at LANL. Please deny the permit modification request for the proposed Transuranic Waste Facility at LANL. If the permit modification request is approved, it must be a Class 3 modification that allows for public comment and the opportunity to request a public hearing. In such a case, I demand public hearings.

Sincerely,

 Ronnie Ortiz