

Permit

Kieling, John, NMENV

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Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 3:49 PM
To: Kieling, John, NMENV
Subject: LANL waste permit

Dear John,

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding the possibility that NMED may revoke or discontinue the permit that allows LANL to store and treat certain wastes, particularly conventional explosives. I voice my concerns as a citizen of Los Alamos, raising 2 children here, and as a US taxpayer with an inherent interest in national security, and as a scientist conducting explosives research at LANL. In my personal opinion, the national security missions of LANL are important to every US citizen, and should be conducted as cost-effectively as possible and with a real eye towards protecting the environment. However, the burning/destruction of conventional explosives does not pose a significant environmental risk for those of us in and around Los Alamos, or for those in New Mexico, in general, and such waste-disposal practices have greatly facilitated the work being done. I am concerned that the shipping of such waste off-site will financially prohibit a great deal of the work being conducted in our nation's interest.

I ask you to please consider extending the permit to LANL for local burning/destruction of conventional explosives. Otherwise, I do fear that important work will ultimately be stopped or relocated for no actual benefit to the community or the environment.

Thank you for your time,
Darla.

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