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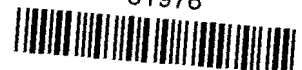
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have received 29 signed comment letters about the July 6, 2009 Revised Draft New Mexico Environment Department Hazardous Waste Permit for Los Alamos National Laboratory collected by the Embudo Valley Environmental Monitoring Group for inclusion in the public comment record.

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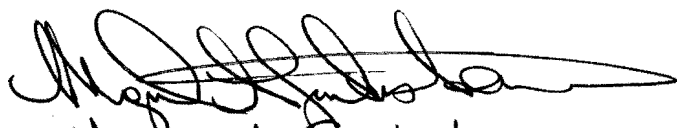
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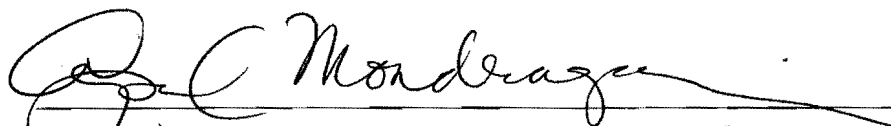
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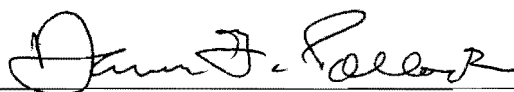
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**4. Emergency Management, Planning, Preparedness and Response.** Over the past 10 years, serious deficiencies in the DOE/LANL Emergency Management and Response Division have been found by several government auditing agencies, including the DOE Inspector General, the Government Accountability Office and the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board. The expert reports described serious problems with LANL fire protection before the Cerro Grande Fire of 2000. Now new expert reports describe the ongoing failure to provide fire protection. I object to NMED allowing DOE/LANL to continue to manage hazardous waste without meeting the emergency management, planning, preparedness and response requirements. NMED must conduct a full investigation into the recommendations of the expert reports and require their implementation before the permit is finalized for the 26 hazardous waste management units.

**5. Seismic Hazard on the Seismically Active Volcanic Pajarito Plateau.** A 2007 report described a 50% increase in the seismic hazard at LANL. The 2007 report identified many deficiencies in the knowledge of the seismic hazard but the necessary studies are not being performed. The 2007 report identified the failure of DOE/LANL to install and operate a reliable network of seismic instruments (seismometers) to accurately monitor the seismic hazard from ground motions. The current network consists of only seismometers at three locations that are not kept in calibration.

I object to NMED allowing DOE/LANL to continue to manage hazardous waste without the necessary studies of the seismic hazard and without a reliable network of seismometers. NMED must conduct a full investigation into the recommendations from these seismic reviews before the permit is finalized for the hazardous waste management units.

**6. Financial Assurance Requirements.** DOE/LANL do not want to provide the financial documents that say they will have funding available in order to cleanup the contaminated facilities at LANL when they are done using them. I support NMED requirements in the revised draft permit that DOE/LANL must meet all of the financial assurance requirements for each of the 26 hazardous waste management units.

**7. Additional Comments.**

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