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Barbara Driscoll  
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Dear Ms. Driscoll:

Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Los Alamos Area Office of the Department of Energy invite you or a representative to participate in a planning meeting on how to elicit citizens' ideas for use in the Laboratory's Environmental Restoration (ER) Program. The meeting will be held at the Los Alamos Inn on Tuesday, February 8, 1994, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Coffee will be served starting at 8:00 AM, providing an opportunity for informal discussions. A proposed agenda for the meeting and a list of invited participants and observers are included. At the beginning of the meeting we will finalize the day's agenda with the facilitator, Merle Lefkoff of Merle Lefkoff and Associates in Santa Fe.

The ER Program must develop alternatives about possible future uses of inactive waste sites and lands surrounding these sites. The ER Program is seeking public participation in developing these alternatives. Because costs and schedules associated with the investigation and cleanup of waste sites will be greatly influenced by future land use, it is very important that the public be involved early in making these decisions.

There are many ways that citizens could participate in developing land use alternatives, for example, community working groups, meetings, surveys, and interviews. However, rather than imposing a format for public participation, the objective of this meeting is to "brainstorm" ideas of how to involve a broad representation from the neighboring communities in developing a process for public participation. The ideas developed by this focus group will be discussed with a wider public at a March, 1994 public meeting.

This effort signals our joint commitment to develop an effective plan for early public involvement that includes a broad representation of the public in a meaningful partnership with the Laboratory and the DOE. This meeting is sponsored jointly by the Laboratory's Stakeholder Involvement Office and ER Program, and the Los Alamos Area Office of the Department of Energy.

We look forward to your response. Please confirm your intention to attend to Patricia Trujillo-Oviedo at 1-800-343-2342 or 665-4400 at your earliest convenience.

For the Environmental Restoration Program:

For the Stakeholder Involvement Office:

Robert W. Vocke, Acting Program Manager

Harry Otway, Office Director

For the Department of Energy Los Alamos Area Office:

Theodore Taylor, Environmental Program Manager

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## PROPOSED AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND PURPOSE OF MEETING
2. AGREEMENT ON GROUND RULES AND AGENDA
3. BRIEF PRESENTATION ON LAND USE ALTERNATIVES AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM'S RISK MANAGEMENT DECISION PROCESS
4. CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOP LEVEL OUTLINE FOR FINDING OUT HOW THE PUBLIC WANTS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND USE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE ER PROGRAM'S RISK MANAGEMENT DECISION PROCESS

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS

Private Citizen  
Public Interest Group  
Los Alamos County  
Northern New Mexico Community College  
Bandelier National Monument  
Santa Fe National Forest  
Environmental Protection Agency  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Tri-Area Economic Development Association  
Laboratory Environmental Restoration Program  
Laboratory Stakeholder Involvement Office  
Department of Energy/Los Alamos and Albuquerque  
Laboratory Engineering/Planning  
Applied Decision Analysis (ADA)  
Laboratory Technology & Safety Assessment Division  
San Ildefonso Pueblo  
Santa Clara Pueblo  
Jemez Pueblo  
Cochiti Pueblo  
Pojoaque Pueblo  
Nambe Pueblo  
Tesuque Pueblo  
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