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Dear Neighbor:

The Department of Energy and the University of California are committed to establishing a Site Specific Advisory Board at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. This letter is to let you know of our plans and to invite you to participate.

In 1993, thirty-one public interest groups from New Mexico petitioned for a board. After many discussions, we have now chartered a course to form a Board that represents the diverse interests of the community by mid-February. The Board could contribute significantly to decisions concerning environmental monitoring and compliance priority-setting; future land use options; public information dissemination; integrated waste management strategies; and environmental restoration activities, as well as other issues.

The success of the Board will depend in large measure on the commitment of the senior Department of Energy Los Alamos National Laboratory management. We promise that appropriate senior management will attend all Board meetings; help obtain independent experts; ensure adequate administrative support; and respond in writing to all Board recommendations. Senior representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and New Mexico Environmental Department will also participate.

Following the general consensus that a balanced formation committee should nominate the members for the Board, we are pleased to appoint the following individuals to serve on this committee: Gus Cordova, Taos Town Manager; Juan Montes, Co-Director, Rural Alliance for Military Accountability; Tony Dorame, Dorame and Associates, Tesuque Pueblo; Denise Smith, Vice-Chair, Los Alamos County Council; and Connie Valdez, President, Northern New Mexico Community College. The committee will draft a charter and nominate a slate of members for the Board. None of the formation committee members can serve as Board members.

We propose that the Board have 15 members that collectively represent the diverse interests of communities in the Los Alamos region. Service on the Board will be voluntary. There will be no compensation except as necessary to ensure a balance of interests on the Board.

We have charged John Arthur of the DOE Albuquerque Operations Office with the responsibility for supporting the successful establishment of the advisory board. Please call John Arthur at 505-845-5985 or Herman Le-Doux, Deputy Area Manager for the DOE Los Alamos Area Office, at 505-667-5105, with any comments about this process. Thank you in advance for your interest and support in establishing the Los Alamos National Laboratory Site Specific Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

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for Environmental Management

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