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Dear Interested Citizen:

I would like to express my appreciation for your input and comments regarding our plan for the formation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Site Specific Advisory Board. Based on our discussions, a summary of comments and concerns has been compiled and is provided for your information.

The Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Laboratory management conducted a planning meeting in Los Alamos on December 7, 1994. The primary focus of this meeting was to identify and resolve critical issues and identify commitments to effectively proceed in establishment of the Site Specific Advisory Board. To this end, a commitment is made that appropriate DOE and Los Alamos National Laboratory 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 the New Mexico Environment Department will also participate. Additionally, a five member Formation Committee was selected from an extensive list of candidates offered. Your assistance in providing potential candidates was extremely helpful and is greatly appreciated. The role of this Committee will be to nominate Board members and assist in the development of a draft charter. An announcement providing the names of the Formation Committee members was provided the week of December 12, 1994. We have high confidence that this committee can nominate a fifteen member Board based on meetings and discussions with the public that are likely to occur after the holidays.

Again, I sincerely appreciate your support in this effort. Your comments and concerns related to this effort are an important part of this process. Please contact me at 505-845-5985 or Herman Le-Doux at the DOE Los Alamos Area Office at 505-667-5105 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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STAKEHOLDER ISSUES/CONCERNS

- **DOE needs to establish clear need and expectations for the SSAB**
- **Establish SSAB operating provisions (i.e. funding, etc)**
- **Confusion exists as to how the SSAB relates to multiple initiatives at Los Alamos National Laboratory**
- **DOE/LANL need to aggressively establish a neutral nominating committee**
- **DOE/LANL senior managers need to take the SSAB seriously, and show commitment to consider advice**
- **Too many commitments from DOE as to what the SSAB will do**



STAKEHOLDER ISSUES/CONCERNS (CONTINUED)

- **Request that 80% of the SSAB be comprised of minorities (representative of regional demographics)**
- **Elected officials should be considered for the SSAB**
- **Do not have SSAB conflict with local government actions**
- **Time concerns related to multiple dates for establishment of the SSAB (February versus July)**
- **Target of opportunity now to complete the SSAB formation**
- **SSAB should not be used by DOE as the single focal point for seeking public opinion**