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To: Members and Ex-Officio Members of the
Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board to the
Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory

Dear Board:

Enclosed for your information, are revised Draft Meeting Minutes for the
Citizens' Advisory Board's September 12, 1995 meeting. An addition to the
last draft is in bold, starting on page 6.

Karen Young pointed out last night that minutes about the proposals were
missing. Our apologies; the omission was inadvertent. Please call if other
additions/corrections are necessary. We are redistributing the Revised
Minutes, by FAX and mail. If you have access to a FAX machine, and are
receiving this by mail, please let us know so that we can communicate faster
in the future.

It was suggested that all Board and Sub-Committee meetings should be
recorded on tape, for more accurate record of the discussions. Lisa will do so
at the September 22, 1995 Work Plan/Budget Sub-Committee meeting, and
henceforth, unless meeting participants object. Board direction on degree of
detail would be helpful; is this level of detail satisfactory? Do you prefer
more or less?

Sincerely,

Bill Mason

cc: John Arthur, DOE Albuquerque Environment and Project Management
Cindy Kelly, DOE Office of Public Accountability
Joe Vozella, DOE Los Alamos Area Office
Lisa Roybal, Board Secretary



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MEETING MINUTES

Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board to the Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory

Tuesday, September 12, 1995

PARTICIPANTS:

Citizens' Advisory Board Members:

Bernadette Chavira-Merriman, Co-Chair
Dr. Antonio Delgado, Co-Chair
Orlando Arellano
Sarah Atencio
Robert Castille
Glen Lockhart
Loyda Martinez
Dolores Salazar
Nick Salazar
Michael Terrill
Manuel Trujillo
Lorenzo Valdez
Karen Young

Members Not Attending:

Hank L. Daneman, PE
Elmer Torres
Carl Tsosie
Corrine Sanchez
David Sanchez

Ex-Officio Members Not Attending:

Barbara Driscoll, EPA

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Joe Vozella for Herman Le-Doux, Federal Designated Officer
Tom Baca, LANL
Benito Garcia, NMED

DOE Staff:

Bruce Twining, Manager, Albuquerque Operations Office
John Arthur, Acting Assistant Albuquerque Office Manger for
Environment and Project Management
Cindy Kelly, Manager, Office of Public Accountability, Headquarters
Joe Vivari, Office of Public and Consumer Affairs, Headquarters
Anna Bachicha-Reynolds, Office of Public Affairs, Albuquerque
Greg Sahd, Office of Public Involvement, Los Alamos Area Office
Tami Toops, Office of Public Affairs, Albuquerque

Los Alamos National Laboratory Staff:

Leroy Apodoca, Stakeholder Involvement Office
Ken Hargis, Environmental Management
Micheline DeVours, Waste Management
F. R. Bob Romero, LANL Outreach & Information Center,
Taos County

Support Staff:

Lisa Roybal, SCIENTECH, Inc.
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Fred Peralta, Mayor of Taos
Gus Cordova, Taos Town Manager
Juan Montes, R. A. M. A., P. O. Box 920, Questa, NM 87556
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Ian Aeby, LANL 2000, EPVWWSC, NMCCAW
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The Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board to the Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory met at the Town Hall, Taos, New Mexico on September 12, 1995. The purpose was organization of necessary sub-committees and input from the public. There were 37 people in attendance, including 8 from the general public, who were not Board Members, alternates, staff or DOE officials. Oral comments and discussion are summarized below; there were no written statements presented.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Dr. Antonio Delgado, Co-Chair. The agenda was approved.

Mayor Fred Peralta welcomed the Board, and expressed appreciation for these deliberations being held in Taos.

Gus Cordova, Formation Committee Member, summarized the difficult process of selecting the Board for recommendation to the DOE. "The Formation Committee took this job seriously, just as the Advisory Board will. The presence of the Laboratory has a significant impact upon northern New Mexico, both economically and environmentally. Concerns of the people are sometimes un-met because of our not educating them. A regional approach of cooperating with local governments was recommended.

Bruce Twining, Manager of DOE's Albuquerque Operations Office welcomed the Board and congratulated all who contributed to its formation: Formation Committee, Board Members, staff and public supporters. DOE's role and expectations were summarized; "DOE will not drive the process. We will see the benefits of this diverse group. Site Specific Advisory Boards around the country are working together to set priorities for cleanup work. DOE:

- Will listen to the advice and recommendations of the Board
- Will provide information (on items which the Ex-Officio members or staff cannot provide, call Larry Kirkman, John Arthur, or Bruce Twining.)
- Is downsizing and strategic aligning; the Laboratory is undergoing big changes and is seeking more mission for less money
- Is accelerating environmental restoration activities at the laboratory
- Needs input on priorities with shrinking dollars
- Needs agreement on new directions proposed in the Waste Management report, including profound ideas for better management
- Is preparing a half dozen Environmental Impact Statements, which are pertinent to Los Alamos National Laboratory, including the Site-Wide, Stockpile and Waste Management Programmatic.

"Site Specific Advisory Boards are set up so that DOE Area Offices, such as the Los Alamos office, are the primary contact. Larry Kirkman and Herman La-Doux from that office, very much wanted to be here and regret that they could not. We thank you for agreeing to serve on the Advisory Board, and look forward to your efforts.

Dr. Delgado said the Board will be asking for a lot of information and need answers in simple English. Mr. Twining assured this.

Ms. Cindy Kelly, who is responsible for all of DOE's Site Specific Advisory Boards expressed her excitement for this Board. "The Board has the power to shape the activities of the Laboratory. Other Site Specific Advisory Boards which have been effective, include Hanford and Fernald. We at DOE want you to know that, we hear you, and will try to help you.

Joe Vozella, Assistant Area Office Manager for the Environment and Projects represented Herman Le-Doux, Federal Designated Officer, who was not able to attend. Mr. Vozella welcomed the Board on behalf of the Los Alamos Area Office, and stated, "DOE is entering a new phase of partnership with the public. We will:

- make necessary information available and understandable
- be held accountable for considering your advice and recommendations
- dialogue with you and the public on topics you select

Dr. Delgado recognized that LANL is a \$ Billion corporation. "Every Board member is serious about this effort. The Board will be an autonomous body and will have much dialogue as the public is encouraged to offer constructive comments and recommendations. The primary focus will be environmental restoration, but other subjects may be considered."

The following sub-committees were discussed and the Board voted to initiate activities with the members who volunteered:

Work Plan/Budget

Glen Lockhart, Benito Garcia, Manuel Trujillo,
Lorenzo Valdez, Karen Young, Herman La-Doux

A fiscal year 1996 budget which is less than requested, should be expected, however DOE will try to find the necessary funding. The sub-committee is charged with developing a plan; they will try to have a draft ready for the October 10, 1995 meeting and DOE will attempt to complete their approval process within 30 days. Mr. Twining assured the Board that DOE will not micro-manage, but that they should not worry about the details at this point; the Board should identify major areas, where they can make a difference.

Public Participation/Education

Dolores Salazar, Hank Daneman, Sarah Atencio,
Orlando Arellano, Loyda Martinez, Mike Terrill

An issue discussed, was one raised by Mr. Ian Aeby regarding a proposal to DOE for funding of the infrastructure of the Northern New Mexico Community College or public education. The sub-committee will investigate and discuss the issue at a meeting in the near future. Dr. Delgado advised that the time crunch of year end funding should not deter consideration; the principles of the subject are important for the future. The sub-committee should not attempt to influence DOE, but individuals may advise the College or DOE of their concerns.

Operational Procedures/By Laws

Bernadette Chavira-Merriman, Dr. Antonio Delgado,
Carl Tsosie, David Sanchez, Elmer Torres

Individual Issues

Bob Castille, Tom Baca, Nick Salazar,
Benito Garcia, Corrine Sanchez, Manuel Trujillo

An issue which might be considered by the Board is the extension or re-competing of the LANL contract with the University of California. DOE would appreciate public comments on the question of extension and specifics for a new contracts (e.g., community interaction).

Sub-Committees will be cross fertilized through communication of activities, open meetings and discussion of recommendations at regular Board meetings.

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Public comments were solicited throughout the meeting.

Ms. Ringsella Pringselli stated that this Advisory Board is great. It is nice to be listened to. She lives downwind from the Laboratory and is concerned about the quality of water collected from her roof. She would like for the Board to investigate.

Mr. Juan Montes advised that the public is reluctant to attend meetings about the Laboratory, when they have been excluded for 50 years. Education is needed before outreach. He is pleased that the Board is not polarized; it is not stacked in favor of Los Alamos County or of other areas. The Board is understandably tethered to DOE through the Federal Advisory Committee Act which requires certain activities.

Mr. Ian Aeby commented that announcement of public meetings is difficult because the Federal Register is not read by the public and ads in the local media are ineffective. He heard about this meeting from another source. He discussed proposals which were submitted to the DOE for funding, including a proposal which was submitted by LANL 2000 in 1993, and was rejected by DOE. Some who were involved in writing these proposals, feel that DOE funds were available for public education, and they have heard that a grant may be awarded for other uses. Mr. Aeby asked if the Advisory Board agreed with this funding and requested Board advice. Cindy Kelly suggested that the people involved should explain the circumstances. Joe Vozella commented that if the Board wants to be involved, the Los Alamos Area Office will provide details. Karen Young stated that this proposal was originally written for community involvement and is now being rewritten for infrastructure. Lorenzo Valdez said

that these funds were originally set aside for the Environmental Justice Program, and have been diverted. Dr. Antonio Delgado delegated the subject to the Public Participation/Education Sub-Committee for investigation and report back to the Board. It was agreed that time would not allow complete consideration and Board decision, prior to end of the fiscal year, but that the case study would be beneficial. Glen Lockhart suggested that the sub-committee should not attempt to influence DOE, but only investigate and advise the Board.

Next Meeting: 6:30 PM, Tuesday, October 10, 1995:

The Santa Fe meeting location will be arranged by Hank Daneman and Lisa Roybal and will be advertised in the local media and the Federal Register. The purpose will be to solicit public comments relative to the Board's mission. Reports from sub-committees will be heard. The tentative agenda includes: Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Approval of Agenda, Public Comments, and Sub-Committee Reports.

Certification:

These minutes are an accurate and complete summary of the matters discussed and conclusions reached at the September 12, 1995 meeting of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board to the Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory which met at the Town Hall, Taos, New Mexico.

Certified by:

Antonio Delgado, Co-Chair

Date