

LANL

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Dear Ms. Whithers;

Thank you so much for updateing your Site-Wide EIS. Having requested this endeavor for consideration, on several occasions, i do appreciate this effort. So many things seem to be happening all at once on your hill, and they must be seen as a whole, rather than fragmented parts. I have long felt that the impact of your activities is grossly understated by the nature of your analysis systems. I hope that this also will be given consideration as you go back to look over your operations.

In September 2004, NMED issued a Proposed Order of Consent to USDOE, UC, and LANL; which was based on a Determination of an Imminent and Substantial Endangerment to Health and the Environment concerning LANL. And LANL decided to flaunt their wealth and power by appealing this proposal rather than showing either respect or concern for the other citizens of this State, or the laws designed to protect us. I hope that your Supplemental EIS will reverse that foolish move and choose to be responsive and responsible to the laws designed to protect everyone's health and safety, even your own.

The risks and hazards of being down wind from LANL were highlighted by the forest fires of 2000, which filled our beautiful valley with toxic smoke. It proved that even the trees around the Lab are so contaminated that they are not safe to burn in a person's fireplace. Imagine the extent of disasterous potential if the Jemez volcano reawakens, or not "if" but "when"? How can you prepare for such eventualities, or the highly reported "threat of terrorism", if you cannot keep track of your own most sensitive security information? The bigger the operation, the more things that can go wrong, and the more things you have, the more you can lose track of.

Los Alamos is an environmental disaster area, a clear and present danger to human health and the environment which should be closed rather than relocated. Clean-up and environmental restoration are the most important work you can do.



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Are there processes to get your escaped hazardous wastes out of the ground and surface waters, or plans to implement such activities? Can you recapture radionuclides and other toxins which have been released into our air, or settled in the soil? Or will you continue to use deceit and denial to pretend that there never was any problem?

As NEPA Compliance Officer will you continue to connive to create a picture of "no significant impact", when the impact is in fact immense and irreversible? Will you continue to encourage methods which manipulate inadequate data into an appearance of acceptable levels through omission? Once again i must ask that "background radiation levels" be included, and added to the "emissions" to show the total exposure levels. It would be judicious to begin at the beginning and look at the whole as well as each little detail. Evaluate and assess the cumulative impact of the past 55+ years, instead of just five, one or ten. Both the emissions and the waste are accumulating in quantity and expanding in the many types of varieties.

Each new facility and program creates more potential accidents, errors and theft. Top secret experiments can go wrong, as your scientists work fervently to find more sadistic and deplorable ways to kill, main and destroy. Mother Karma, like acts of God, are never considered in your project analysis, yet are always a powerful force with unpredictable effects. It is written that "those who live by the sword, die by the sword." This makes it very dangerous to have such destructive neighbors as LANL, for those who believe and love the Creator of heaven and earth. It is not too late to transform the laboratories creating weapons of mass destruction into institutions that engage only in life-affirming research and development.

It is not too late to become a good global citizen or a good neighbor. The choice is yours. The truth shall set you free, as you know that the impacts will cause death and damage for thousands of years and millions of lives, in the future, as well an right now.

The S-Sweis impact analysis needs to detail all of the accidents and errors of judgement which the Labs would rather cover-up, where hazardous waste or hazardous constituents have been released into the environment. The practice of ignoring underground plumes until they are detectable in ground water is a serious and frequent offense. Please conduct a comprehensive investigation and cleanup of environmental contamination at the facility and at other sites where you dumped your wastes. We need your cooperation. Thanks,

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