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Judy E. Basham
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1850 Old Pecos Trail, Suite J
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Dear Ms. Basham:

Thank you for providing the resolution and bringing your issue of waste cleanup at LANL to our attention. Your efforts in advocating for a complete clean-up of LANL are important to the citizens of City of Santa Fe and appreciated. The City has a long-term interest in timely, safe and complete clean-up at LANL.

As you are well aware LANL's legacy of contamination is subject to investigation and clean-up. The March 25, 2005 Order on Consent (CO) between LANL and NMED is the regulatory driver for investigation and remediation of contamination at the laboratory. The goal of the CO involves determining the nature and extent of releases of contaminants and using the information to make informed remedy selections for contaminated sites. Given that many of the site investigations are not yet complete, adoption of a resolution with this scope is not timely for the City. As an alternative, the City will target comments to specific site remedies as they become available for public comment by NMED. We will especially target comments to those remedies with the potential to impact the regional groundwater and surface water for which the City now and in the future will rely on for its drinking water.

We expect remedy selections will consist of a mix of complex alternatives and understand that NMED, in addition to the many environmental considerations, will take into account worker safety as some contaminants are highly reactive and exposure, handling or removal may pose additional hazards.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention and for your concern for the Citizens of Santa Fe.

Sincerely,

David Coss
Mayor
City of Santa Fe

