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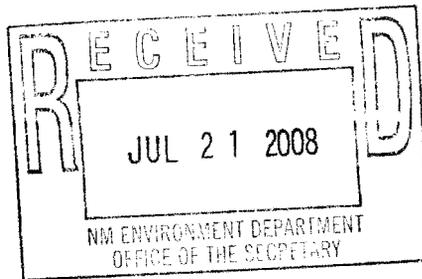
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July 15, 2008
Honorable Governor Bill Richardson
Office of the Governor
State Capital Building
300 Don Gaspar
Suite 400
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Governor Richardson,

Like other Northern New Mexico communities, the Village of Pecos acknowledges the importance of Los Alamos National Laboratory and its significant contributions to national security and New Mexico's economy. Pecos is proud to have contributed professional and skilled labor to the laboratory's workforce over the years.

However, the Village is very concerned with the Department of Energy's ostensible inability to properly manage and dispose of nuclear waste generated at Los Alamos and its potential for devastating impact on human health and the environment.

Consistent with our concerns and our position on this important issue the Village of Pecos adopted Resolution 2008-2009-183, urging you and Secretary of the New Mexico's Environment Department to commit to work collaboratively with the Department of Energy in ensuring the safe removal and storage of the millions of cubic feet of nuclear waste to a safe and secure site away from Los Alamos.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Tony J. Roybal, Mayor

cc: Ron Curry, Secretary of Environment Department

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**Village of Pecos
Resolution 2008-2009- 183**

**A Resolution in Support of Removal of Nuclear Waste At
Los Alamos National Laboratory**

WHEREAS, the legacy of the Manhattan Project and successive nuclear projects have spread radioactive and other measurable amounts of waste in our environment,

WHEREAS, residents in our surrounding communities are threatened by radioactive waste that was disposed of before we knew the true hazards proposed by these materials: and

WHEREAS, after (60) years of operations, there are over 58 million cubic feet of hazardous And low level radioactive waste sitting in unprotected dump sites: and

WHEREAS, communities surrounding Los Alamos National Laboratory were given assurance dating back to the 1940's that they were safe from the nuclear waste disposed of at the facility: and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pecos is proud of the contributions that citizens of our state have made to this great nation's defense: and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pecos is also proud of the great scientific breakthroughs which could not have occurred without the full and complete dedication of New Mexicans who work everyday at our national labs: and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pecos and its citizens are committed to supporting the continuing scientific missions of our national labs; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Constitution has vested the Governor of New Mexico with environmental laws and regulations to protect citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Secretary, Ron Curry, has the power to regulate a great portion of waste because it is "mixed "with the hazardous materials as well,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved this July 2008 that the Village of Pecos request that the Governor of New Mexico, use his authority, by the powers vested in him by the Constitution of New Mexico, to request that the Department of Energy commit to removal of as much as possible, the waste buried at the facility, and that no additional waste be allowed to be buried at the facility.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day July 2008.



Tony J. Roybal, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ramona Quintana, Village Clerk

Arthur Varela, Village Treasurer