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Good morning Neil:

I apologize it took me so long to get this email to you. Per our phone conversation on July 30, you expressed that Governor Roybal and you are interested in having NMED and NMCF hold a listening session at San Ildefonso Pueblo. I am pleased to hear this is something that you would like and think would be helpful. During our conversation you asked me to: 1) propose some dates before October 27<sup>th</sup>; and 2) provide some information regarding the general structure of the session.

To address the first issue, I propose sometime during the week of October 14 to October 17, **OR** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> of October.

Regarding the second request, we envision the session to be an open forum for people to express their thoughts and perceptions concerning activity at Los Alamos National Laboratory as it affects environmental and cultural issues.

On July 22, 2008 we opened up the first listening session to the public in Santa Fe to address any issue(s) people may have and may have wanted to speak about (i.e., social, political, economic). However, we realized afterwards that focusing the issues on items within NMED's purview, such as environmental issues, was perhaps more prudent. Therefore, the structure of future listening sessions will be an open forum for people to express their thoughts, ask questions, speak out on pressing environmental and cultural concerns, and perhaps even provide suggestions to NMED on how the Department may better work with members of the Pueblo (e.g., provide workshops, informational sessions, newsletters, etc.).

Ultimately, these listening sessions are a way for the Department to learn about the impacts on the communities around the Lab, and of those communities, what additional information is needed for people. We are trying to improve how we as the regulatory agency involve the 'public' in our regulatory actions and also discern how the Department can better serve the residents of New Mexico, including especially members of the various sovereign nations potentially impacted by LANL's activities.

So with all that said, that is the focus of the session. I hope this helps and if you have any other questions or thoughts, please call or email. We are open to any suggestions you may have on how you think the San Ildefonso Pueblo listening session may be better conducted.

I will wait to hear from you on a specific date and time you propose for the listening session based on the suggested dates provided above.

Thanks so much for your time Neil. Please extend my thanks to the Governor as well.



Sincerely,  
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