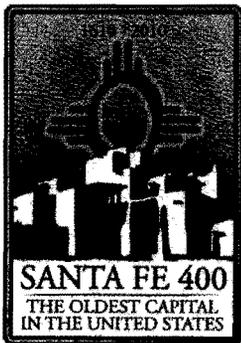


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May 25, 2010

James Bearzi, Bureau Chief
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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on LANL's proposal to utilize the USGS piezometers (at Buckman) for water quality monitoring and to supply additional understanding of the potential hydrologic connection between the Buckman Wellfield and groundwater beneath LANL. We support the use of the piezometers as an interim measure.

We anticipate the information generated in the interim will further LANL's monitoring network goals, particularly as they relate to the Buckman Wellfield. The primary goal of the City's Water Division is a monitoring well system sited, designed and constructed to address offsite water quality issues including forecasting potential impacts from LANL on the Buckman Wellfield. To that end we request:

- determine if piezometers provide early detection
- further characterize LANL impacts to the Buckman Wellfield
- determine the utility of the existing off-site monitoring wells to protect and serve as a sentinel wells for the Buckman Wellfield.
- propose a long-term monitoring and early detection system specific to the Buckman Wellfield

The piezometers are generally in good physical condition. However, the recent video log documented the presence of foreign material in the wells. Steps should be taken to remove debris, insect parts, shotgun shells, the steel tape, the rock and other foreign matter which may impact water quality tests.

Again thank for the opportunity to provide our input. Please contact Robert Gallegos at 955-4332 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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