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Sir:



Our correspondence with Provost Linford does not reflect an awareness of the sorry state of affairs with the cleanup program at LANL. This is tragic given the University's responsibility for oversight in their contract with the DOE. It almost seems as if there is an unwillingness to confront the LANL management with the published information on their failure to follow the several goals of the DOE's Assistant Secretaries for Environmental Management.

First, I would like to call your attention to the attached Issuance of an Order to Los Alamos National Laboratory by the State of New Mexico Environment Department recognizing that progress has been inadequate.

Secondly, as a former member of the DOE/LANL Citizens Advisory Board since its inception in 1995 and former Chair of the Environmental Remediation Committee I gathered much information about the status of ER at LANL. I would like to make this information available to the University of California oversight panel during their next visit.

Since the departure of so-called "activists" from the DOE/LANL CAB in the year 2000, it has not had an independent representation of the surrounding communities nor has it chosen to retain any continuity with the work of former ER committees of the CAB. Accordingly, we are hoping a new and independent Citizens Advisory Committee can report to both the California and New Mexico legislatures on our environmental concerns.

I hope the University of California will recognize this new advisory committee and adopt a program of hearings and participation in order that it's oversight function can more adequately reflect the concerns of the communities neighboring the laboratory. It should be apparent from the drastic and fully justifiable demands of our NMED that the current channels for input to your office are less than adequate contrary to the assumptions expressed by Provost Linford in his letter of April 18th.

There is no way in which the DOE's "outstanding rating for LANL's environmental restoration program for FY 2001" accepted with pride by the University of California can be rationalized with Secretary Maggiore's NMED recent Draft Order under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act.

Sincerely,

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cc: P. Maggiore, J. H. Roberson, Ali Saeed, et. al.



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