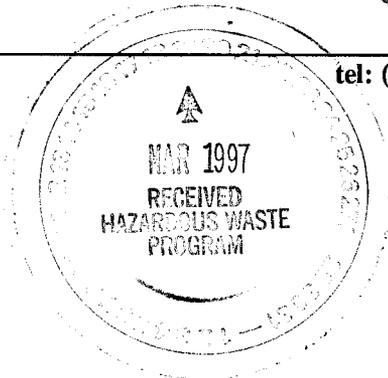


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Attn: Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, and,  
Mr. Ed Kelly, Chief Surface and Ground Water Bureau

Re: Public Records Act - (14-3-1 to 14-3-16 NMSA 1978)

Sirs:

I would appreciate your providing a list of documents outlining off-site contamination on the land surrounding or in water wells adjacent to the Los Alamos National Laboratories. I would like the opportunity afforded by the public records act to inspect some of the documents described in this list at a mutually convenient time.

First of all, I understand from a recent speech by the Secretary of the DOE that there are no cases of off-site contamination surrounding LANL. On the other hand, it is my understanding that your bureaus have found samples containing quantities of Strontium 90, Tritium, Iodine and Mercury in several canyons and test and producing wells.

The documents I would like to see are those providing timely raw data - not those which have been approved by the DOE for release to the public. The documentation released by the DOE has been delayed by 1.5 to 2 years and is not timely, perhaps being responsible for the Secretary's misunderstanding about the presence of off-site contamination.

Specifically, I would like to see test records and laboratory analyses from test wells 4 and 8 which I understand showed 7 pCi/l of Sr90 and measurements of contaminants such as Mercury, Tritium and Sr90 from samples taken from DP, LA, Mortandad and Ancho Canyons.

Please provide an informative response within 10 working days.

Sincerely,

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cc: CAB, CCNS, DOE



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