

Your Community Voice in the Carson

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Re: LANL -

Tech. Area 16 - Open Burning Permit

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on behalf of our Citizens Group in Taos County, New Mexico,
 the following are comments regarding the proposal for an
 open burning unit permit for Tech. Area 16 at LANL!

- 1) we have commented on numerous LANL & DOE projects over the past 20+ years as a Citizens Group in rural Taos County, N.M.
- 2) we remain concerned regarding this proposed permit and its effect upon air quality and water quality in Northern New Mexico.
- 3) any hazardous waste burning is cause for concern - and past incineration of waste at LANL has negatively affected our air quality as well as soil health, water quality, and wildlife health.

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"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we will begin to use it with love and respect."

— Aldo Leopold

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4) We do not support any new or increased burning of waste at LANL. There are far too many past waste sites that remain to be cleaned up and restored. Also - our air quality already is affected by operations at LANL - and the cumulative effect of increased burning of hazardous waste will only further worsen air quality and the needed time-line for complete restoration of resources at LANL sites.

5) Because of recent wildfire events in the South & National Forest surrounding LANL property - and the changing climate which will likely bring more wildfire to this region - our air quality is under stress - and this permits will only further stress this air quality.

6) Tech Area 11a has negatively affected soil & water quality for many years - and as neighbors - we do not support any further increases in hazardous or radioactive waste - incineration is not an acceptable method to address waste from LANL operations, as equipment failures are common, funding not adequate, and monitoring not adequately funded or conducted to insure waste from the burning does not escape the facility and contaminate the environment.

Sincerely, J. Berle
for Carson Fresh Water Citizens Group