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Dear Mr. Crossman,

DOE/U.C. LANL MIXED WASTES
RADIOACTIVE WASTES INCINERATOR

I apologize for the misunderstanding of the informational meeting you held in Taos on the LANL radioactive waste incinerator. The following was my understanding and I also wish to draw to your attention at this time, some apparent contradictions between a response David Bates and I received to a FOIA request to DOE and information DOE has shown on a NM EID Form WM filed with NM EID & U.S. EPA:

1) Enclosed response to FOIA request dated Sept. 30, 1988 by DOE states that "Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) does not have a written waste minimization plan." Whereas, DOE/LANL on enclosed form #WM for 1987 they filed with NM EID and with U.S. EPA, item #2, indicate they do have a "written policy or statement that outlined goals, objectives and methods for source reduction and recycling of hazardous waste." So who is correct, the DOE FOIA office or whichever DOE/LANL OFFICE filed the NM EID form #WM? Does DOE/LANL have a written waste mimimization plan, yes or no?

2) I understood from you at Taos meeting that LANL has performed a 99.99% DRE test burn for the radioactive waste incinerator.

3) I understood that they have not performed a 99.9999% DRE test burn pursuant to requirements of 40 CFR CH. I (7-1-87 Ed.) 264.343 (2).

4) I understood they have not performed HCl emissions sampling pursuant to 40 CFR CH. I (7-1-87 Ed.) 264.343 (b).

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LANL Radioactive Waste Incinerator (cont.)

If I am mistaken in these assertions, I apologize.

At this time, I wish to reconfirm David Bates and my request for permission to make a personal inspection of the radioactive waste incinerator accompanied by our good friends Harold Valencia, Tom Gunderson and David Nochumson of DOE/LANL.

We want to observe the gauge pressure reading across the carbon bed filters, compare the gauge pressure readings to the plant specification operations manual and observe the switching procedure between the carbon bed filters when one of the filters becomes plugged/fouled. Our assumption is, and please correct us if we are mistaken, is that the carbon bed filters were long inoperative and they dump to atmosphere after passing the HEPA filter.

Yours sincerely,



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Encls: DOE response to FOIA request, dated 30 Sept., 1988
NM EID Form #WM filed with NM EID and U.S. EPA