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Dear Concerned Citizen:

Enclosed for your information is material on a hazardous waste facility in your area.

If you have any questions about this information feel free to call me at (505) 827-2923 or write to the address below.

Sincerely,

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**SANTA FE, NM--** The Environmental Improvement Division of the New Mexico Health and Environment Department has rescheduled a public hearing on a draft hazardous waste permit for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for July 18, 1989. The public hearing had originally been set for June 13, 1989.

According to EID Director Richard Mitzelfelt, the decision to reschedule the hearing was prompted by requests from citizens wishing to take part in U.S. Department of Energy hearings on WIPP scheduled for the week of June 12, 1989.

"Although the WIPP hearings and the LANL hearing are unrelated, many citizens would attend both events if given the opportunity," said Mitzelfelt.

The July 18 public hearing on the draft permit will begin at 9:00 AM in the Harold Runnels Building Auditorium located in Santa Fe at 1190 St. Francis Drive.

The draft permit details the requirements for storage and treatment of hazardous wastes generated through LANL operations. The public may review the draft plan at the Harold Runnels Building library, 1190 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, or the Espanola Public Library, 314A Oate, NW. A third copy of the draft plan will be available in EID's Taos Field Office through most of June and will then be moved to the Los Alamos Public Library for July.

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According to C. Kelley Crossman of EID's Hazardous Waste Bureau, LANL generates large quantities of waste solvents and chemicals which must be handled in accordance with strict guidelines. The draft permit specifies which chemicals may be stored while awaiting treatment, the treatment processes LANL may employ, and the conditions under which certain materials may be incinerated. Additionally, the permit will require LANL to investigate all past disposal sites and prepare clean-up plans where necessary.

Crossman said this permit does not authorize or address radioactive wastes contaminated with regulated chemicals, which are subject to a separate permit to be processed at a later date.

Questions and comments regarding the draft permit may be directed to the Hazardous Waste Bureau, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87503. Comments must be received by the close of the public hearing on July 18, 1989.