

June 8th

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Dear Mr. Crossman:

I am writing to express my concern that the scheduled hearings for July 18th to review the LANL draft proposal for mixed hazardous waste incinerators will not result in a decision which will protect the environment and the people of this state. Because the hearings exclude radioactive materials from the discussion, I believe that the vital debate necessary to make a sound decision will be eliminated from the proceedings and the health of the people will suffer.

I have read your announced press release detailing the consideration of radioactive materials for another time. The next question is this: if not now, when and where? And why is the consideration of the mixed-waste incinerator being split into two parts? I suspect that the radioactive portion may be located in some other area of the country where local participants will be unable to attend. Please clarify this sneaking suspicion by informing me where and when the radioactive portion of the permit will be considered.

I believe it to be in the best interests of public health to NOT SPLIT THE HEARINGS INTO TWO PARTS, but to keep it together so that BOTH KINDS OF MATERIALS can be considered at the same hearings since THEY ARE BOTH MIXED TOGETHER IN THE WASTE STREAM.

It also seems obvious that if the two kinds of materials are split-up, the consideration of radioactive materials COMES FIRST, NOT AFTER HAZARDOUS WASTES since radioactive materials are the most long-lived and lethal part of the waste stream coming out of the stacks.

I have just finished reading the Draft Proposal and I am perplaxated by your announced intention to grant this permit even BEFORE HEARINGS ARE HELD. What then are the purpose of public hearings? Such a statement on your part implies that the public is present merely to WITNESS what has already been decided.... Indeed, sir, this is an insult to the democratic process.

Since reading the Draft Proposal, several questions came to my mind:

- 1) What per cent of the waste stream is only hazardous? What per cent is hazardous mixed with radioactive?
- 2) How many curies are estimated to be contained in the mixed-waste proposed for incineration?
- 3) How many pounds of plutonium are estimated to be in the mixed waste?

In conclusion, I call upon you to do right by the people you serve. POSTPONE HEARINGS until a full and impartial review can occur which includes ALL THE MATERIALS that might be burned in a mixed-waste incinerator at LANL.

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