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Dear Mr. Mitzelfelt:

I write to you on my behalf and the behalf of several friends. We are quite alarmed by the news that Los Alamos National Laboratory is operating an incinerator for hazardous and radioactive wastes. That it is doing so currently, without a permit is secondary to the fact that releasing such wastes into the air is dangerous to life. I am sure that there is not yet available scientific evidence that such incineration processes are NOT hazardous to our health.

If I were a native I would be outraged, but since I am only a displaced person, resident of Santa Fe since 1972 all I can do is anguish that the place that I have chosen for home, as refuge from the madness of twentieth century America is now being invaded by these very same forces.

It seems to me that the LANL incinerator is as or more dangerous for the quality of life in Santa Fe and environs as the WIPP trucks passing through on St. Francis Drive.

I hope that you as Director are doing everything in your power to protect the quality of air in our "Land of Enchantment". What the producers of nuclear and hazardous wastes ought to do with their wastes is a pressing problem, and probably for LANL. But what good is nuclear energy going to do for life on the planet if many are dying of cancer?

I bless you with fortitude in dealing with this issue and pray that you keep the welfare of New Mexican residents in mind as you make decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ketura Eshel".

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