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Mr. Crossman,

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I write in reference to ~~HAZARDOUS~~ HAZARDOUS WASTE SECTION proposed hazardous waste incinerator for Los Alamos Nat. Labs. The first best choice for such waste, ^{in my view} is to reduce production.

According to studies I have read, incineration is not a viable alternative because:

- 1) Incineration of various materials together creates new chemical combinations with dangerous properties
- 2) It spreads these materials over vast areas and they fall where they may fall - no doubt some upon my small farm, and upon the watershed from which my family will continue to require safe drinking water for years to come.
- 3) Of course the very toxic ash will present its own set of problems.

Ours is a finite and complicated world as I'm sure you're aware. Air borne emissions do not disappear on the wind. Radioactivity from the Chernobyl incident was detected in Santa Fe nine days afterwards. Sure, we can survive these onslaughts to the pure world God gave us, but for how long. The time has come to reduce emphasis on 'Standard of living' and replace it with a better standard: 'Quality of life.'

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