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Mr. Richard Mitzelfelt, Director
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Dear Mr. Mitzelfelt:

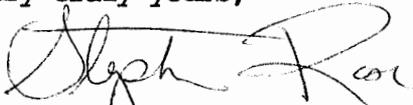
My family and I live in Taos and are very much concerned about the proposed incinerator at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Since the wind frequently blows from that direction, we are directly in the path of any emissions from a LANL incinerator and thus would be directly affected by any toxic chemical or radioactive emissions. We are concerned not only for ourselves but also for our neighbors and all persons and creatures who live near or downwind from LANL. The health and safety of all of us would be seriously risked by an incinerator which emitted any radioactive or other toxic waste, whether that emission was part of regular operations or of some extraordinary event or accident. Extreme caution must be exercised in the face of the extreme dangers posed by this incinerator.

The operating permit should be denied for any and all operations at the LANL incinerator until: (a) emission standards and regulations for radioactive emissions are carefully developed by the state, with adequate opportunity for public input and hearing; (b) a thorough and objective environmental impact statement (EIS) is prepared and published by LANL and DOE and public hearings held on it; and (c) LANL and DOE have proved, if they can, that there is no risk to the health and safety of the citizens of northern New Mexico under either normal or any conceivable circumstances.

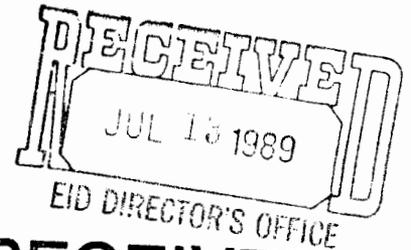
Until such time, an emergency or other temporary order should be issued by EID forbidding the use of the LANL incinerator.

It is extremely irresponsible to permit the LANL incinerator to operate at all until the above conditions are met.

Very truly yours,


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