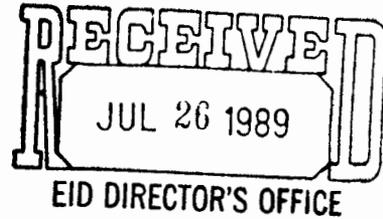


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Mr. Richard Mitzelfelt
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Dear Mr. Mitzelfelt:

We are writing to you to protest the application, by the Los Alamos National Laboratories, for a permanent permit to burn radioactive and hazardous chemical waste.

We are aware that dioxins and radioactive particles are being emitted, and will continue to be emitted, by this operation. We are also aware that the incinerator in question is operating only because it was exempted from the current statewide moratorium on incinerator operations. This exemption came about because the incinerator was granted a "research permit". Currently, New Mexico has no standards to regulate incinerator operations!

We are aware that even minute amounts of certain chemicals or radioactive elements which are most certainly being produced even as these very words are being written significantly impact the health of individuals in the locality. For example, only one millionth of a gram of plutonium in a person's lung will result in an approximately 50% chance that individual will contract lung cancer. We are also unaware that any of us have given anyone permission to experiment upon us, as the research status of the Los Alamos incinerator implies.

We request that the State of New Mexico issue an emergency order, as permitted by the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act, section 74-2-10, to prevent the further burning of radioactive waste until the State has adopted standards in the field. We request that any hearings related to this subject include both hazardous waste and radioactivity permits.

Thank you for taking the time from your undoubtedly busy schedule to thoroughly investigate this matter.

Sincerely,

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