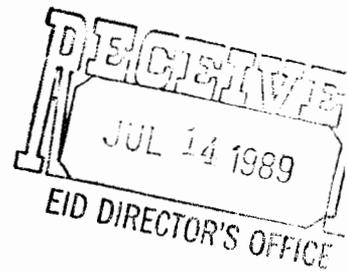


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July 13, 1989

Richard Mitzelfelt
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Dear Mr. Mitzelfelt:

Immediately, the EID should issue an emergency order to prevent the burning of radioactive waste. It is unthinkable that LANL should be exempted from a moratorium on incinerator operations until regulations are established.

Whether the issue is hazardous waste emissions or radioactive emissions, it is in the interests, indeed, the basic human rights, of the inhabitants of this state that LANL be stopped. In a case like this where the health of the citizens is truly at stake, there should be no "grandfathering". In other words, just because LANL applied for a permit before regulations have been established, that does not mean they should be exempt from compliance ever afterwards. THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE UNTIL REGULATIONS ARE MADE.

Furthermore, the very concept of putting hazardous and radioactive wastes into the atmosphere is a heinous crime. Radioactive materials are not changed by combustion and indeed are even more volatile when they are released into the atmosphere.

I am appalled at the shortsightedness of these so-called experts who seek a "band-aid" solution (burning hazardous and radioactive waste) as a solution to the volume of waste to be disposed of. Such an irresponsible "solution" will cause unspeakably greater problems--FOR ALL OF US--a few years later.

In the name of your own children and grandchildren, use your influence to stop LANL from this idiotic course. Shut the incinerators down.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara Ransom".

Sara Ransom

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