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Richard Mitzelfelt, Dir. July 17, 1989
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Dear Mr. Mitzelfelt:

I strenuously oppose Los Alamos National Laboratories being allowed to burn radioactive and hazardous waste, when New Mexico has no regulations for radioactive emissions. DOE and Los Alamos, moreover, should not be exempt from any regulation. EID should issue an emergency order under the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act section 74-2-10 to prevent burning until radioactive waste disposal by burning or any other means is regulated.

It is important to note that HEPA filters do not prevent escape into the atmosphere of any material that in the course of burning is changed into a gas. The source for this is from Joseph Goldfield, Consulting Engineer of Denver who wrote "High Efficiency Particulate Arrestors (HEPA Filters) in

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