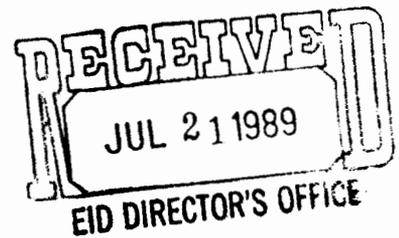


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Mr. Mitzelfelt:

Due to my work schedule and to a slight amount of apathy, I was unable to attend today's meeting regarding radioactive and hazardous waste incineration at Los Alamos National Lab. The apathy resulted from the exclusion of nuclear waste from the agenda of this meeting. How can one be discussed without the other? The real reason for this meeting and what is expected to be accomplished is beyond me. The potential for environmental and health hazards from incineration are very great, too great a risk for the amount of waste this type of processing reduces. I urge you to recommend a total moratorium on any type of incineration in New Mexico. I do not feel that there has been enough research into incineration or its alternatives to warrant endorsement by your agency at this time. Recycling, reduction of waste at the source and in this case, super compaction are all alternatives that need to be thoroughly studied before the land and people of New Mexico are subjected to the potential hazards of incineration.

I would also like to suggest an evening meeting for people who work but who would like to express their feelings on this subject for the record.

Thank you.

TR
Eric
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