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Dear Mr. Mitzelfelt,

I write because I am extremely upset and concerned about the Los Alamos Labs applying for a final permit to burn radioactive and hazardous chemical waste. The state of New Mexico has no specific regulation for radioactive emissions and I have grave doubts that the emissions from the waste materials being burned in Los Alamos will be contained, or in any way safe for the surrounding areas.

Radioactive materials being released into the atmosphere are extremely toxic! They are not changed by fire, they are more than certain to cause cancer in those people unable to escape the emissions. and it is incomprehensible to me that the LANL are considering such a project.

As a taxpayer and citizen I demand that the EID issue an emergency order preventing the burning of radioactive waste at least until New Mexico can adopt the standards, in a public forum, to regulate it. ANY HEARING RELATING TO THE INCINERATOR MUST INCLUDE BOTH THE HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RADIOACTIVE PERMITS.

My work is related to environmental concerns and I become more and more aware of how suicidal our lack of proper environmental protection has become. The "research permit" issued to Los Alamos is laughable. I implore you to make it impossible for LANL to operate their life-threatening incinerator before safe, clear regulations can be established.

Thank you.

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