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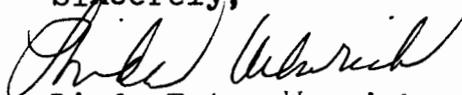


Richard Mitzelfelt
Director of the E.I.D.
1190 St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, New Mex. 87503

Dear Richard Mitzelfelt,

This is only to affirm personally what is already spelled out in this flyer. I've lived in Santa Fe for 16 years and am aware of Los Alamos enjoying a privileged political position, which the Lab has abused in many instances. We certainly do not need more radioactive toxins in the environment, and as the major producer of these, some limits and controls need to be established and reinforced.

Sincerely,


Linda Epton Wenrick

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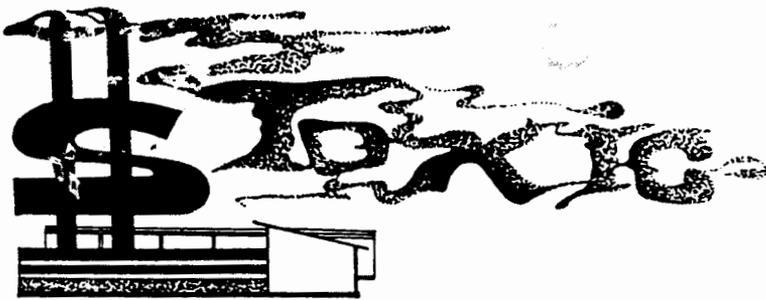


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We cannot afford to risk permanent harm to our citizens and our land in the name of national security. -Senator John Glenn

RADIOACTIVE AIR?

Los Alamos Radioactive Waste Incinerators Threaten Air Quality

Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL) is applying for a final permit to burn radioactive and hazardous chemical waste. The purpose of incineration is to reduce the volume of radioactive hazardous waste that needs to be stored or disposed of. The emissions from the proposed incineration are sure to include toxic dioxins and radionuclides; therefore they must be regulated and closely monitored.

The State of New Mexico has no regulations for radioactive emissions!

Radioactive materials are not changed by fire and are most volatile when released into the atmosphere. One-millionth of a gram of plutonium in your lungs results in a 50/50 chance of developing cancer. Dioxins are almost as toxic as plutonium; the standard for these emissions are 30 trillionths of a gram per cubic meter of air. This is another extremely hazardous carcinogen with zero as the only safe dose.

In New Mexico, there is a moratorium on incinerator operations until regulations are established. However, the Los Alamos incinerator was exempted. This incinerator has operated under a "research permit." Before regulations are written, LANL is seeking to obtain a full production permit.

**Hearings for this incinerator are scheduled for July 18 at 9:00 am
in the Runnels Building Auditorium, 1190 St. Francis Drive.**

Despite this hearing, under the current regulations, LANL is able to operate this incinerator today without this permit.

These hearings will only address the hazardous waste portion of the permit since New Mexico has no regulations to cover the radioactive emissions. These hearings are misleading and premature since there are no regulations to address the radioactive portions of the waste.

WHAT TO DO

- It is important to write, at the very least call the Dir. of the Environmental Improvement Division (EID):
Richard Mitzelfelt
1190 St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503 (505) 827-2850
- Demand that the EID issues an emergency order (by authority of the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act, section 74-2-10) to prevent the burning of radioactive waste until the State of New Mexico can adopt standards in a public forum to regulate it. Demand that any hearing relating to the incinerator should include both the hazardous waste and radioactive permits.
- Plan to attend these crucial hearings. Fact sheets will soon be available from CCNS.

**You can't hide from air!
Don't let our air quality be compromised!**