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Dear Mr. Bill Honker

I was glad to know the E.P.A. will pursue clean up plans at Los Alamos National Laboratories. But there is some important aspects missing in your draft permit.

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The public needs to be assured of dependable monitoring (we know the E.P.A. is understaffed or not properly funded for this). We would like the E.P.A. permit to require L.A.N.L. to fund independent monitoring of the clean up which the public has access to.

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I don't agree with incineration of toxic waste because it will not minimize the toxicity, it will only minimize the bulk. And in the process it will release toxic air emissions and create fly ash, scrubber water, and carbon filters which will have to be disposed of properly. I am interested in the "wet oxidation" method and the "super compaction" method.

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I would like to see instructions for recycling methods and toxic minimization included in the permit. IF the E.P.A. is unable to give instructions for recycling methods and toxic minimization then L.A.N.L. should be required to develop these methods and provide the funding to recycle and



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minimize toxicity prior to creating further toxic waste.

I am looking forward to hearing from you about my comments. I will appreciate your inclusion of these aspects in the final permit. Please let me know if there is any further action I should take to put my request for satisfactory monitoring and/or more adequate regulations for L.A.N.L. toxic (hazardous and/or radioactive) waste problems. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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