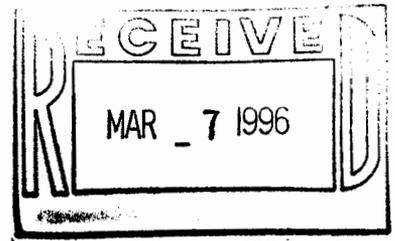


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Date: February 29, 1996
Refer to: CIO:96-067



Dear Neighbor:

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You are invited to attend a public meeting on March 7, 1996, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, sponsored by the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the New Mexico Environment Department and the Department of Energy. The meeting will take place at the Los Alamos Inn located at 2202 Trinity Drive in Los Alamos.

The topics for discussion include:

- Class 2 permit modification request (intended to bring the permit up-to-date with changes made to the Controlled Air Incinerator); and,
- Proposed Closure Plan for the Controlled Air Incinerator (which will be examined by the New Mexico Environment Department after considering the Class 2 permit modification request. The incinerator will be dismantled after the Closure Plan is approved).

You can also participate in a tour of the Controlled Air Incinerator on March 6, 1996 or March 8, 1996, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. You must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old and RSVP no later than March 5, 1996, by 10 AM. Please call 1-800-508-4400 or 665-6771 if you need information.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on March 7, 1996, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Come and receive information on the Controlled Air Incinerator, ask questions and let us know if you have concerns. Attached is a copy of a public notice that appeared in local newspapers and a fact sheet on the Controlled Air Incinerator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina Armijo".

Christina Armijo
Group Leader
Community Involvement & Outreach Office

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**HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY
CLASS II PERMIT MODIFICATION FACT SHEET**

for the

**CONTROLLED AIR INCINERATOR
Los Alamos National Laboratory
February 1996**

Activities: Class II Permit Modification of the Hazardous Waste Facility for the Controlled Air Incinerator.

Facility Name: Los Alamos National Laboratory

EPA ID Number: NM0890010515

Location: Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is located in Los Alamos County, New Mexico. The Controlled Air Incinerator (CAI) is located in Technical Area 50, Building 37.

**Background
Information:**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit on November 8, 1989, to the Department of Energy and the University of California for the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The permit allows LANL to operate certain hazardous waste management units, such as the CAI, which although it has not operated since 1987 is subject to the requirements of the operating permit. LANL has proposed several equipment upgrades which have been determined to be Class II permit modifications by NMED, thus requiring public comment.

**Effect of
Modifications:**

These modifications will have the effect of bringing the Permit up to date with modifications performed by LANL. When the modifications are complete, NMED will be ready to proceed with the processing of LANL's proposed closure plan for the CAI.

**Permit
Modification
Availability:**

Copies of the proposed permit modification are available for public review weekdays between 8 am and 5 pm at the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau Library, which is at 2044-A Galisteo, Santa Fe, NM 87502, and during normal business hours at the following locations:

LANL Community Reading Room 1350 Central Avenue, Ste101 Los Alamos, NM 87544 Ph 505/665-2127	Mesa Public Library 2400 Central Avenue Los Alamos, NM 87544 Ph 505/662-8250
Harwood Library 114 Civic Plaza Drive Taos, NM 87571 Ph 505/758-8664	Española Public Library 314A Oñate Street Española, NM 87532 Ph 505/753-3860
Santa Fe Public Library 145 Washington Avenue Santa Fe, NM 87501 Ph 505/984-6781	

Public Meeting: The public is invited to attend an informal informational meeting scheduled for March 7, 1996, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at Los Alamos Inn, 2202 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos. NMED, DOE and LANL staff members will be available at the meeting to provide additional information on the proposed Class II permit modification.

**Comment Period
and Request for
Hearing:**

Any person, including LANL, who wants to comment on the intent to approve the proposed Class II permit modification, or who wants to request a public hearing, may do so by submitting written comments or requests to: Barbara Hoditschek, RCRA Permits Program Manager, NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 2044-A Galisteo, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Any request for hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must include the requestor's name and address. Only comments and/or requests received by April 22, 1996 will be considered. For further information, call Mr. Michael Chacon at (505) 827-1561.

Final Decision: NMED will consider all comments submitted on this proposed Class II permit modification before formulating a final decision. NMED will notify LANL, and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period, of the final decision or of any public hearing which may be scheduled. The final decision will require that activities at the CAI be conducted according to applicable State and Federal laws and with the terms approved in the permit modification.

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 83
NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS BUREAU
Santa Fe, NM 87502
NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE RCRA PERMIT MODIFICATION
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA No. NM0890010515

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect before the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The HSWA imposes additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities that will be administered by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until the State of New Mexico receives additional authorization for those requirements.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (Section 74-4-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978, as amended, 1989) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20 NMAC 4.1), the New Mexico Environment Department can approve or disapprove permit modifications. The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) proposes that the Department approve a Class II permit modification initiated by Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Los Alamos, New Mexico, EPA I.D. No. NM0890010515, for the Controlled Air Incinerator (CAI) located at Technical Area 50, Building 37.

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The administrative record for this proposed decision consists of the plan for Class II permit modifications, a fact sheet, and related correspondence. You may review the administrative record weekdays between 8 am and 5 pm at the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau library at 2044-A Galisteo, Santa Fe, NM. You may review the permit modification and fact sheet during normal business hours at the LANL Community Reading Room, 1350 Central Avenue, Suite 101, Los Alamos, NM, and the main public libraries in Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Española and Taos. To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, contact Mr. Michael Chacon at (505) 827-1561. LANL's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is also available from Mr. Chacon.

The public is invited to attend an informal informational meeting on March 7, 1996, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Los Alamos Inn, 2202 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos. NMED, DOE and LANL staff members will be available at the meeting to provide additional information on the proposed permit modification. For more information, contact Jody Plum (DOE) at (505) 665-5042, Jack Ellvinger (LANL) at (505) 667-0633, or Michael Chacon (listed above).

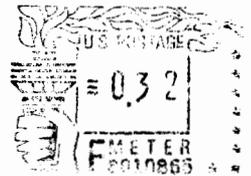
Any person wanting to comment upon the proposed plan or to request a public hearing should submit written comments or requests, along with their name and address, to Barbara Hoditschek, RCRA Permits Program Manager, at NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, P. O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Requests for a public hearing should state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Only comments and/or requests received by April 22, 1996, will be considered.

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