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Dear Concerned Citizen:

Enclosed is a Fact Sheet regarding two proposed Class 3 Permit Modifications that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) proposes to approve for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL):

- 1: Equipment changes to the Controlled Air Incinerator at TA-50, Building 37, and
- 2: Adding hazardous and mixed waste storage to structures/pads numbers 36 and 58 at Technical Area 54, Area 1, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Copies of the proposed modifications are available for review Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the offices of the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 2044-A Galisteo, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502, and at the main public libraries in Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Española and Taos, as well as the Governor's Offices of the Pueblos of San Ildefonso, Cochiti, Santo Domingo and Santa Clara. If you wish to make any comments or request a hearing on this proposed Permit Modification, the comments or request must be in writing to the Santa Fe address mentioned above and must be received by **November 11, 1996**. Requests for public hearing must state the requestor's name and address, and must state the nature of the issues to be raised in the public hearing, if held.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed permit modifications, please contact Mr. Michael Chacón by telephone at (505) 827-1561, by fax at (505) 827-1544, e-mail at michael_chacon@nmenv.state.nm.us, or at the Santa Fe address given above.

Sincerely,
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Barbara Hoditschek, Manager
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cc: File - LANL TA-50 Red 96, LANL TA-54 Red 96, and Reading



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FACT SHEET

Intent to Approve Permit Modifications for
TA-50, Building 37 and TA-54, Area L
Public Comment Period
September 27, through November 11, 1996

for the Technical Area (TA) 54, Area L Structures/Pads #36 and #58 and Controlled Air Incinerator (CAI) TA-50, Building 37, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Activities: Class III Permit Modification of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for Hazardous and Mixed Waste storage at TA-54 Area L, Structures/Pads #36 and #58, and equipment changes at the Controlled Air Incinerator (CAI) TA-50, Building 37.

Facility Name: Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory

EPA ID Number: NM0890010515

Location: Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is located in Los Alamos County, New Mexico. Structures/Pads #36 and #58 are located in TA-54 Area L. The Controlled Air Incinerator is located in TA-50 Building 37.

Type of facility or activity: 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 hazardous waste storage areas at TA 54 Area L, and hazardous waste treatment units such as the CAI, TA-50, Building 37.

Type and Quantity of Waste: The CAI is permitted to incinerate only wastes identified in Permit Attachment G with the Process

Code T03 (Incinerator), with a permitted quantity of 245,000 short tons per year. However, the CAI is currently being dismantled in accordance with the approved Closure Plan.

TA-54 Area L is permitted to store mixed and hazardous waste, with a permitted quantity of 180,730 Gallons. This modification will not increase the capacity of waste stored, but will allow storage at two additional areas within Area L.

Effect of

Modifications: These modifications will have the effects of:

- 1) Bringing the Operating Permit up to date with equipment upgrades to the CAI TA-50, Building 37 initiated prior to the pursuit of closure of the unit by LANL, and
- 2) Allowing hazardous and mixed waste storage at two additional sites within TA 54 Area L, with no increase of storage capacity.

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, Suite 101 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	San Ildefonso Pueblo Governor's Office Rt 5, Box 315A Santa Fe NM 87501 Ph 505/455-2273
Santa Clara Pueblo Office of Environmental Affairs P.O. Box 580, Española, NM 87532 Ph 505/753-7326	Santo Domingo Pueblo Governor's Office P.O. Box 99, Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM 87052 Ph 505/465-2214
Cochiti Pueblo Governor's Office P.O. Box 70, Cochiti Pueblo, NM 87072 Ph 505/465-2244	

**Public
Meeting:**

The public is invited to attend a **meeting scheduled for October 16, 1996, at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium of the Harold Runnels Building, 1190 Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.** NMED, DOE and LANL staff members will be available at the meeting to provide additional information on the proposed Class III permit modifications.

**Comment Period
and Request
for Hearing:**

Any party, including LANL, who wishes to comment on the intent to approve the proposed Class III permit modifications, or who wishes to request a public hearing, may do so by submitting written comments or requests to: Program Manager, RCRA Permits Management Program, 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 November 11, 1996,** will be considered. NMED will publish a thirty day (30) notice of a public hearing, if a hearing is scheduled. For further information, call Mr. Michael Chacón at (505) 827-1561.

**Final
Decision:**

NMED will consider all comments submitted on this proposed Class III 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 TA-54 Area L and the CAI, TA-50, Building 37, be conducted according to applicable State and Federal laws and with the terms approved in the permit modification.