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**Your Community Voice in the Carson**

Re: LANL Request For additional  
Radioactive Waste Storage On-Site  
Comments



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**Carson Forest Watch**

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**NMED  
Hazardous Waste Bureau**

on behalf of our citizens' group in rural Northern  
New Mexico, the following are comments regarding LANL  
Request to Increase its Storage of Hazardous & Radio-  
active Waste On-Site:

- 1) we are concerned regarding the increase in plutonium  
pit production at LANL and any programs which would  
result in an increase of this waste on-site
- 2) Because of the failure to adequately clean up numerous  
past waste areas at LANL - going back to the Manhattan  
Project - we do not support production of additional  
waste
- 3) There is a huge backlog of waste sites which re-  
quire remediation and clean-up. one local →

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which we belong,  
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and respect."

— Aldo Leopold

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Communities want this waste addressed before any additional waste is produced.

4) LANL has a very poor track record in health & safety regarding its dealing with waste and because past waste is continuing to contaminate air and water quality resources - it is critical that the N.M. Environment Dept. require these waste areas to be completely cleaned up before allowing LANL to produce new waste.

5) Because of on-going problems at WIPP - this new clean deal long this new additional waste will remain at LANL - and this must be clarified before proceeding with any new storage.

6) The N.M. Environment Dept. has a legal responsibility to the citizens of New Mexico to protect our natural resources & comply with the law. LANL has been found in numerous cases to be in non-compliance - and we request the NM E.D. enforce the law and address past contamination by LANL before accepting this new LANL proposal.

Thank you,

Sincerely, J. Berde  
of Carson Forest Watch Citizens Group -  
Tara County, N.M.