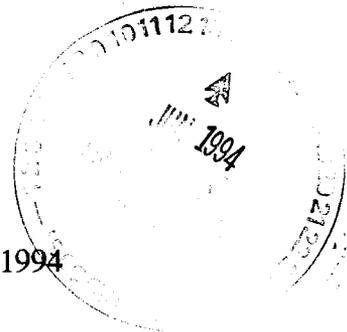


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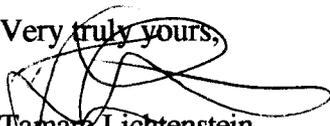
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With regard to the legal notice in today's New Mexican, stating LANL's intention of incinerating radioactive materials:

I live downwind of the Lab. Given the latest news about LANL's deficient emissions monitoring, and its outright lies and attempted cover-up of the problem, I feel very distressed at the thought of the Lab being given permission to expose myself and my neighbors to its carcinogenic emissions. I am highly skeptical of the Lab's ability to control emissions to a "safe" level. I protest being treated as a guinea pig by the Lab.

NMED has a responsibility to citizens of the State of New Mexico to protect us from the Lab's continuing negligent behavior. How can NMED even consider permitting such a facility, with such a dismal public safety record, to carry out the proposed incineration? It isn't good enough for NMED to state that "*expected* emissions will not require an air quality permit." (italics mine). How can any of us trust what the Lab tells us those *expected* emissions will be? If NMED is willing to take the Lab's statements at face value, then NMED is engaging in the same egregious behavior as the Lab, and will be held accountable by the public.

Very truly yours,

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