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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 8:31 PM
To: Cobrain, Dave, NMENV
Subject: class 3 haz permit mod

Hello, Dave,
Neil Freer here, Eldorado. I have reviewed the Notice of Public Comment of January 14. I would not be able to attend a public hearing if called.

I wish to express a general concern that reflects the position of many in the Eldorado area as well as my own: Any storage of radioactive and/or hazardous waste of any classification level in any kind of containment on the LANL property we consider an immediate threat to the lives of all downwind Santa Fe and Eldorado residents.

We protest that any handling, use, manufacture, experimentation with, storage or transport of waste of radioactive materials of any kind, from plutonium, a single molecule or atom of which constitutes a death threat, to low level lab rags that pass here on 285 in trucks is a direct threat in the event of accident or time deterioration or terrorist attack. A single serious breach, accident, careless action could render Santa Fe, Eldorado and surrounding area and towns uninhabitable.

We intend to scan the community garden soil here in Eldorado before Spring planting for radiation from the Fukushima event from across the Pacific. Web maps of the spread of contamination from Fukushima showed clearly a very high level of readings in the entire northern section of New Mexico. It is a puzzle and bothers people here, Dave, that apparently ---- please inform me if I'm incorrect --- no testing by your or any other involved department of soil or buildings has been done and reported. We are concerned that an event, big or small, at LANL, would be downplayed, no effective warning issued, and Santa Fe and Eldorado, the entire county could be a permanent wasteland within a few hours and the population devastated. There is no level of "national security" that justifies subjecting the population to that constant lethal threat.

As much as the potential is downplayed and reassurances given, you and I know that I am not exaggerating, especially if you and your family live downwind also. Past performance at LANL gives little reassurance either. The gross handling of waste and contamination in the past, the higher rate of cancer in the young and old from the water table contamination down slope, nothing in the history gives any sense of security.

Don't let the PR and money and political interests call the shots. Not only don't approve any further mods but work for the people's sake to get the hazardous radiation waste and processes away from our beautiful county. Please.

Sincerely,
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