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Mr. John Kieling, Program Manager
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Dear Mr Kieling,

I would like to submit comments on the Sandia National Laboratories – MWL CMI Work Plan.

As an owner of 3 properties in the Kirtland Addition of Albuquerque, I am concerned about the possible contamination of groundwater resulting from spread of toxins now lodged in the SNL Mixed Waste Landfill. If indeed the Fate & Transport Model is correct that this could happen in as little as 50 years, then my investments could easily be trashed, and the whole neighborhood dependent on Burton Well is likely to be only the first of many to be abandoned.

What a bummer! There is much good housing stock here – close to UNM and easily accessible to downtown and the "historic Nob Hill District." I would be very disappointed if my future grandchildren could not return to their parents' childhood haunts because they had been condemned as unlivable.

I am sure that digging up the mess and finding someplace less hazardous to large human populations would be more costly than dumping more dirt on top of the MWL. But I for one would be willing to help foot the bill as a gift of foresight to generations hence. I would be very grateful if you would be willing to see your constituency as extending to the yet-unborn and would be willing to invest in their wellbeing. I am curious to hear your determination.

Sincerely,

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