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Mr. David Martin
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RE: Sandia National Laboratory Corrective Measures Implementation Report (CMI)
for the Mixed Waste Landfill.

I respectfully request that the New Mexico Environment Department do the following:

1) Deny the Sandia CMI Report and provide a public hearing;
2) Perform a risk assessment for the mixed waste landfill based on information discovered subsequent to the 2004 public hearing;
3) Reopen and reconsider the decision to leave the Sandia MWL dump waste under a dirt cover above Albuquerque’s drinking water;
4) Install new groundwater monitoring wells at the mixed waste landfill
5) Submit the plans to the public for review as required by 40 CFG 270.42;
6) Complete excavation and cleanup of the mixed waste landfill with storage of the waste in an engineered facility on site

The recent discovery of the groundwater contamination beneath the MWL dump requires that the dump be excavated and that groundwater be properly monitored.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gerald Ortiz y Pino
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