Sandia National Laboratories
Mixed Waste Landfill
Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan
Public Comment

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I believe I understood at the Oct. 17 "Public discussion" that Sandia Labs has made provisions to protect the hazardous waste dumps from prairie dogs and insect damage, that a barbed wire fence would keep out children, and an inspector would make the rounds every three months.

What I didn't hear was how gravity was to be prevented from taking lethal chemicals and radioactive particles down through the soil and into the aquifer.

I had thought a "long term maintenance and monitoring plan" would be designed to protect citizens, but I didn't hear anything about putting monitoring wells in effective locations or keeping them up to date. Nothing about removing plutonium or hazardous materials away from the aquifer, not even plutonium to the WIPP site. THE PROBLEM ISN'T PRAIRIE DOGS BUT DENIAL.

We need a legal, evidentiary hearing, not any more "public discussions."