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Hazardous Waste Bureau

John Kieling Chief, Hazardous Waste Bureau
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Dear Mr. Kieling,

The New Mexico community groups, businesses and churches signed below are very concerned about the danger to our drinking water posed by the Mixed Waste Landfill (MWL). The landfill is unlined, consisting of pits and trenches. The MWL contains many contaminants including plutonium, TCE and PCE. PCE and TCE are being detected in monitoring wells 400 ft below the surface of the landfill. (PCE and TCE are chemicals which at very low levels in drinking water can cause cancer and birth defects.)

We understand that the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Bureau is considering a Sandia National Laboratories' proposal to grant the status of 'corrective action complete with controls' to the Mixed Waste Landfill. If the state accepts this proposal there will be little chance that the many contaminants at the MWL will be disposed of properly.

We request a hearing so that experts can testify to the need to excavate the landfill from above Albuquerque's aquifer and dispose of the wastes in a safe and legal way.

Sincerely,

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