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Dear Mr. Mayer,

On behalf of the San José Community Awareness Council (SJCAC), this letter is a written request for a public hearing regarding PNM's Hazardous Waste Permit for the Person Generating Station located on the corner of Rio Bravo and Broadway Boulevard in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Release of toxics via soils, ground water and air are of great concern to the San José community. Inadequate distribution and notification of public notice and unclear comment periods are but a few of the concerns of residents that need to be appropriately addressed. A public hearing would provide an opportunity for the public to become acquainted with PNM's activities and operation as they are among the variety of industrial facilities that surround the community.

The undefined extent of vertical and horizontal contamination of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the ground water is a concern not only of people living in the community, but also the residents of the entire city of Albuquerque, as there is potential for migration towards municipal pumping wells. How did contamination reach the depths in which it was found? What is the extent of contamination and continued movement down gradient? These are questions that will require a more extensive and expensive strategy for remediation. The community would like to know the preventative measures taken by PNM to address these problems so that they do not occur in the future. We are also concerned about PNM's current remediation efforts.

Inadequate distribution and notification of process is not accepted by the community as part of a community relations plan and further polarizes parties. Exclusion and/or limitation of the comment period continues to perpetuate the theme that the general public is left out of the loop. These concerns must be addressed as the allowance of public comment and input create the underlying foundation of a just society. This is a public process, yet the general public continues to be excluded.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
SJCAC