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Re: Public Comments about Sandia National Laboratories' Mixed Waste Landfill Five-Year Report and Request for an Immediate Environment Department Order to Sandia to Proceed with Excavation and Off-site Disposal of Long-lived Toxic and Radioactive Chemical Wastes through an Corrective Measures Implementation Plan

Dear Mr. Cobrain:

I write in support of the Sandia National Lab's proposal to excavate the toxic chemical wastes found in the Mixed Waste Landfill (MWL) and move them to a safe offsite disposal facility.

The MWL dump contains hundreds of different solvents, heavy metals and radionuclides in unlined pits and trenches that allow leaching and contamination into regional water, and with a dirt cover insufficient to protect from exposure and atmospheric release. Past poor management has allowed this site to develop and do so in a location placing the largest city in New Mexico at high risk to these contaminations. The Sandia report recognizes that the safest and most cost effective clean up involves removal of waste from this site to a properly designed, prepared, located and constructed off site storage facility that will receive sufficient funding to maintain essentially eternal surveillance to protection human populations and the environment. Our contracts with the devil bear high costs, and we must start to pay.

I have family in Albuquerque and have followed nuclear issues in West Texas/Eastern New Mexico for many years, living in Midland during the development of the Waste Control Specialists facility near Eunice, NM.

I urge the NMED to move forward with requiring Sandia NL to implement a CMIP to excavate and dispose offsite the long-lived radioactive and toxic wastes of the MWL near Albuquerque.

Thank you,

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