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Subject: Draft LANL permit

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The draft RCRA permit for LANL is way overdue. Why was the draft for renewal not issued until nearly eight years after the old permit expired?

It seems like the NMED permitting process is so cumbersome that it is impossible for both NMED and LANL to get it right. Because NMED is confused, it keeps asking for more data and with insufficient staff to review that data, it just keeps asking for more. This is an inefficient use of resources and a waste of both state and federal tax dollars and an impossible burden for any public group that may wish to track the permitting process. The NMED administration [Curry and Goldstein] needs to review the actions of the Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB), or whoever came up with the permitting scheme, and find a way to have a clear, reasonable process that protects the public, the State and the permittees. The original permit from the EPA certainly didn't take 8 years to get to draft stage and an update of an existing permit should have been even easier. LANL hazardous waste operations probably haven't gotten worse in that time period but are likely better than they were in 1989.

If the permitting process for LANL is typical, then the Governor should be wary because, if word of this gets to the larger public, outside entities looking at the NM permitting process in making decisions about locating in NM and will take their business [and jobs] elsewhere.

What would the HWB do to a permittee that was more than eight years late in a deliverable? Is it time for the NMED administration to clean house?

Thank you.

J. Hanson

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