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To whom it may concern:

These are my comments on the new consent order.

1. Just because you don't *want* to hear or consider what the public has to say, that doesn't mean you don't have an obligation to inform them and receive and consider public comment. RCRA, under which you work, requires that you include the public when making these kinds of decisions. Traditionally, even if you let us speak or comment, you don't actually take what we say into consideration. This has got to change and the consent order is a particularly important issue for you to hear about from the public. You may feel that you have met your minimal obligations to inform and hear from the public, but you have not. You need to include public participation into every step of the consent order. Just because you talk with carefully selected groups and native communities, doesn't mean it's okay to leave the rest of the public completely out of the loop.

LANL has the most people of color surrounding it of any DOE site. You specifically have been remiss in informing and including poor, rural and so-called minority people. Just because one community directly next to the Lab is white, doesn't mean that these large numbers of people of color and poor people aren't being disparately impacted by the Lab. Clearly, under this new consent order, they will be disparately impacted forever.

2. That's because your new consent order is garbage. Basically you are telling DOE and LANL that they can do whatever they want on whatever time schedule they like and if it is, Gee Whiz, too hard or too expensive, well just forget it. Meanwhile, they want to ramp up pit production, making more transuranic waste which you are happy to let them store in tents along with the exploding drums that you let them create and still store in tents out on the mesa in a wildfire zone.

You have stated in writing that you are in partnership with DOE and you sure aren't acting like you are in partnership with the people surrounding the Lab as you have given away your entire authority to regulate them in this new consent order. This is unacceptable.

3. It is not the public's fault that the old consent order didn't work. It was your fault for giving them 150 extensions. Start doing your job.

4. Finally, we need true clean up at the Lab and they need to stop further operations until they get their waste under control. They have learned nothing from the debacle of the explosion at WIPP. And neither have you. But never mind. The worse you act (and this new consent order is really bad acting) the more fodder for your bad publicity. It is my joy and purpose in life to make sure everyone in the State knows what you are doing (or not doing). So if you're not going to do your job of protecting human health and the environment, just keep creating those sound bites. Thanks!

Sincerely,

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