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To: [Roberts, Kathryn, NMENV](#)
Subject: Comments on Revised Consent Order for LANL Cleanup
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Dear Ms. Roberts,

I am writing to comment on the draft revised consent order for cleanup at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

As a New Mexican who lives downstream from LANL, I am very disappointed that the draft appears to be a serious step backward from the 2005 consent order. That consent order required a full clean-up of LANL's legacy Cold War wastes. This new draft lacks enforceable goals for cleanup, and as a result, many sites may never be fully remediated.

I urge you to withdraw this draft and maintain the current 2005 consent order with necessary revisions to the cleanup schedule.

Any new consent order should include a detailed, enforceable schedule of genuine cleanup milestones. The proposed "campaign" approach in the draft order is unacceptable. Setting enforceable deadlines year by year does not give the public any assurance that full cleanup will be achieved.

Even more troubling is that the draft consent order creates a giant loophole allowing the Department of Energy and LANL to get out of completing the cleanup based on budget limitations. The original intent of the consent order was to force DOE and LANL to seek more funding for cleanup from Congress. The budgetary excuse for failing to complete needed cleanup should be eliminated from any final consent order.

I also urge you to update the current status of all areas of cleanup and to include this information in the new consent order. Please detail the next steps for cleanup at every site and incorporate all previous 2005 consent order documents into the new consent order.

Finally, I urge you to make this process as open to public participation as possible. It is disturbing that the draft consent order expressly limits public participation requirements, reversing the policy in the 2005 Consent Order. All milestones, targets, annual negotiations, and modifications should have the opportunity for public review and comment.

Please also allow the public to review and comment on any further drafts of the new consent order, ideally with public hearings. Please make all communications, documents, and submittals specified in this consent order easily available to the public. Please notify interested individuals by e-mail of all submittals as specified in this consent order.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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