

# DNFSB public hearing comments - Nov. 16, 2022

## Santa Fe Convention Center

My name is Barney Magrath, I live in Santa Fe county, and I am a member of a small nuclear safety group called Nuclear Safety Advocates Group (NSAG). We are concerned citizens who care about our safety while we live next to a nuclear weapons factory.

Our group have had several meeting with the DNFSB that we see before us today. One challenge has been remembering and pronouncing the the DNFSB acronym. I like to break it up into two sections: DN as “Da Nukes” and FSB and in “Funny, Silly, Bombs”. We think that the DNFSB are the “Good Guys”. Say it ten times DNFSB ... DNFSB... etc.

{No laughs, Tough crowd}

Okay ... the way we gather current safety info about LANL is we read the local paper, the New Mexican. One person in our group will see an article and alert the others.

For instance on November 7, 2022 there was a story Employee injuries prompt brief shutdown of Los Alamos National Lab legacy waste cleanup. After reading the article we can go to the DNFSB website and search for the source of story by finding the relevant LANL Safety Report.

In this case the LANL Safety Report, always a one page document, is dated September 16, 2022. It has three paragraphs. We look at the paragraph headed Area G and find the incident. From this point we can see the details, as noted by the DNFSB resident inspectors, and how they will deal with it. We are now seeing what the newspaper reporter based his story on.

We urge the DNFSB to continue posting these reports and we know that in the not so distant past they faced pressure to not do so.

Finally I would like to point out that no member of our congressional delegation, or any of their representatives, seem to be present at this public hearing. Anna Hansen, SF County Commissioner, and myself asked Tara if any of these folks were signed up to speak either in the morning session or the late afternoon session. She said no one from their offices has signed up. (note: I did not attend the late afternoon session)

As far as I know this tells me that our national level politicians are not interested in nuclear safety. The people who live here are concerned and show up but our national level lawmakers do not. What does this tell you? That nuclear safety is not a priority. This is not right. Thank you.