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Dear Madam and Sirs,

Many unresolved safety issues were raised by the DNFSB. The fact remains that there is no enforcement availability to bring compliance with safety. Polite suggestions are never sufficient when it comes to the Department of Energy and nuclear issues. That's why we have contamination from Legacy operations spread throughout the country particularly at LANL and other national laboratories.

Unfortunately, the non need for any further production of weapons plutonium is not under consideration. But it should be. Production of more nuclear weapons is absolutely the most immoral act on the planet. Spending another 2 trillion dollars on nuclear weapons production makes no sense from any standpoint of survival. Social needs are largely unmet. People are living under bridges as homeless persons while vast amounts of funding are up by the most wasteful action of our society.

Additionally, New Mexico is bearing the Brunt of nuclear operations across the United States. We have already been left with Legacy waste at uranium tailings piles, throughout Los Alamos, at the Mixed Waste Landfill at Sandia National Laboratories, WIPP and with plans for the Holtec, Inc site near Carlsbad.

The idea the weapons activities can just be made safer rather than halted is frankly a lot of nonsense.

The New Mexico public is the victim of agency plans that run counter to what the public wants. All the discussion about consent-based acceptance of nuclear waste is a bunch of Bologna when it comes to New Mexico. The reality is that far more waste will be generated by Los Alamos plutonium activities.

Citizen Action New Mexico agrees further with safety issues addressed by Tami Thatcher for the Environmental Defense Institute.

Respectfully,

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