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Secretary F. David Martin  
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**RE: Request for Public Hearing for the Proposed Mixed Waste Landfill Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan**

Dear Secretary Martin:

I respectfully request that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) begin public hearing proceedings for the U.S. Department of Energy's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit issued to the Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) Facility (EPA ID# NM5890110518). This request stems from my concerns about numerous technical deficiencies in the Mixed Waste Landfill Facility Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan and the supporting documentation used to develop this plan.

During my tenure on the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Governing Board and while at numerous public meetings hosted by the Department of Energy and the New Mexico Environment Department, I have heard repeated concerns expressed by citizens regarding the threats to the environment posed by contaminated sites at SNL. The labs have created many sources of contamination over several decades of operation, including the Mixed Waste Landfill that potentially affects my City Council district and its citizens.

During the public meeting hosted by the NMED last October for the Monitoring and Maintenance Plan, the validity of the data and technical evaluations used to develop the plan were called into question. Citizens also claimed that technical reviews critical of the fate and transport modeling for the landfill were kept from the public and other stakeholders for review in the recent past, and that the monitoring infrastructure intended to observe potential releases from the landfill are improperly placed. These claims and more are why I believe that Sandia's RCRA Permit needs to be thoroughly examined through the public hearing process as established in New Mexico Hazardous Waste Regulations.

I shall look forward to your response to this request.

Sincerely,



Rey Garduño  
Councilor, City of Albuquerque  
District 6