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Re: *DO NO HARM – Use the Precautionary Principle in the Permit*

 DP-1793, No. GWB 18-05 (P)

Dear Ms. Castañeda:

I am deeply concerned about this discharge permit for groundwater remediation projects at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). It continues the public health and environmental harm perpetrated by the Department of Energy (DOE) and LANL.

It is time for the New Mexico Environment Department to require, and as a result, change the mindset of DOE and LANL to do more to cleanup the mess they have made on the Pajarito Plateau since 1943. To prevent more harm, a fundamental NMED goal should be to:

* protect the entire ecosystem in addition to portions of it,
* examine alternatives to achieve that,
* fully involve potentially affected people in decision-making,
* put in place robust monitoring programs for all environmental media and people,
* make all data available publically as soon as possible, and
* respond to early warnings.

It is time to use a precautionary approach to cleanup. That means that no more harm will be inflicted.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,

Name and email address