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By email to: EPCUEA@nnsa.doe.gov

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Re: Public Comments about the Los Alamos National Laboratory Proposed

Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade Project draft Environmental Assessment

(DOE/EA-2199, LA-UR-23-32753, November 2023)

Dear Ms Dors:

I join with Governor of Tesuque Pueblo Milton Herrera, former Governor of Tesuque Pueblo Mark Mitchell, many other Pueblo and Tribal Peoples, representatives from Traditional Indo-Hispano and Land Grant Communities and Santa Fe County Commissioner Anna Hansen to oppose the proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade Project (EPCUP) draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the following reasons:

* The draft EA did not include the proposed alternatives submitted during scoping in 2021. Only two alternatives are presented: build the line as LANL wants or a no action alternative.
* LANL did not include alternatives analyses for the use of alternative energy sources.
* The EA does not fully analyze the indirect and direct cumulative effects of the proposal.
* LANL used a 50-mile radius for the environmental justice (EJ) analyses in the 2008 LANL Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS). In contrast, LANL inappropriately used a 20-mile radius for its EA EJ analyses, eliminating many Pueblo, Tribal and Traditional Indo-Hispano and Land Grant Communities.
* The draft EA exceeds the 75-page limit set by the federal Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

I support:

* The no action alternative.
* Withdrawal of the EA and the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS).
* Rolling the proposed EPCUP into the draft LANL SWEIS to be released in fall 2024.
* LANL ensuring early, often, continuous and meaningful consultation with the Pueblos, Tribes and Traditional Indo-Hispano and Land Grant Communities throughout the preparation and release of a draft EIS or a draft LANL SWEIS.
* A prohibition on new roads in or through the Caja del Rio.

Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,