

1 **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

2 **OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-~~21~~**

4 **INTRODUCED BY:**

5 Commissioner Holian

6 **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**  
7 **STATEMENT FOR LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY'S (LANL'S)**  
8 **CHEMISTRY AND METALLURGY RESEARCH REPLACEMENT NUCLEAR**  
9 **FACILITY (CMRR) PROJECT**

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Nuclear Security  
12 Administration (NNSA) are planning to build a Chemistry and Metallurgy Research  
13 Replacement Nuclear Facility (abbreviated as CMRR) to facilitate large-scale  
14 production of additional plutonium warhead cores (or "pits") at Los Alamos National  
15 Laboratory (LANL); and

16 **WHEREAS**, the CMRR project involves significant environmental and safety  
17 risk to surrounding communities, including Santa Fe County; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the CMRR project has grown significantly in scope since 2003,  
19 when it was presented as a smaller, above-ground facility; and

20 **WHEREAS**, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was conducted by NNSA  
21 in 2003 for a much smaller CMRR project; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the newest underground incarnation of the proposed CMRR project  
23 has grown in magnitude from an estimated \$400 million to over \$5 billion, to be  
24 completed a decade hence; and

25 **WHEREAS**, a new EIS for the enlarged CMRR project is essential to reassure  
26 the citizens of Santa Fe County that the safety and environmental issues entailed in  
27 this growing project are being planned for in a careful and comprehensive way; and

28 **AND WHEREAS**, local governments at city, county, and state levels need to be  
29 fully informed about the CMRR project at LANL, so as to make their citizens aware  
30 of potential safety and environmental hazards associated with the handling of  
31 plutonium and other dangerous materials in a timely fashion,

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County urge the DOE, NNSA, and LANL to conduct a new, full-fledged Environmental Impact Statement for the CMRR project, as it is presently envisioned;


**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County be kept fully informed, in a timely manner, about progress in the EIS and about any other safety and environmental concerns that arise during any preliminary phase of construction that is done at the CMRR site.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 30 day of NOVEMBER, 2010.

  
HARRY B. MONTOYA, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
  
VALERIE ESPINOZA,  
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK




APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
STEPHEN C. ROSS,  
SANTA FE COUNTY ATTORNEY



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Deputy  Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office Valerie Espinoza County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

SFC CLERK RECORDED BY: 02/09/2011