

Did You Know?

There is a nuclear dump just 19 miles from the Santa Fe Plaza. It's called "Area G."

- Larger than WIPP (the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, near Carlsbad)
- Permanent waste disposal in shallow unlined pits and shafts covered with dirt
- Enough buried radioactive and chemical wastes to fill 1.4 million 55 gallon drums--plus 60,000 drums' worth of temporarily-stored waste
- Expected to receive 54,000 drums' worth more waste each year, mostly from nuclear weapons production and testing
- Slated to expand in size indefinitely--two other mesas are also targeted for dump sites
- No external oversight by any regulatory agency
- Most of this waste production is entirely unnecessary



And just where is all this nuclear waste coming from? Almost all of it is coming from nuclear weapons programs. Most people do not know that these programs have grown tremendously in recent years, and are now much larger than they were on average during the Cold War, even after correcting for inflation.

Weapons design and testing has begun again--**here**. Production of plutonium bomb cores has begun--**here**. A second plutonium plant is planned--**here**. Many more tons of plutonium are needed for the bomb factories--**here**. Huge new facilities for weapons testing and for novel kinds of nuclear processing--which will produce even more waste--are planned--**here**.

So the Department of Energy (DOE) and the University of California (UC, which makes millions of dollars operating the lab and the dump) assume you don't mind them burying most of the waste **here**, with a smaller amount going to WIPP.

**How much of this nuclear waste generation is really necessary?
DOE and UC hope you won't ask that question.**

What You Can Do: Write your congressperson and ask him or her to stop the design of more nuclear weapons, and the destruction of this beautiful land. Write us or visit our web site for more information and ways to get involved.

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