

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Bushee

Councilor Ortiz

Commissioner Kathy Holian

A JOINT RESOLUTION

**IN SUPPORT OF A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LANL'S
CHEMISTRY AND METALLURGY RESEARCH REPLACEMENT NUCLEAR
FACILITY (CMRR PROJECT).**

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

WHEREAS, the CMRR project involves significant environmental and safety risks to surrounding communities and their residents including the City and County of Santa Fe; and

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe objected to the facility in 2003, adopting Resolution No. 2003-64 "A Resolution Objecting To The Location Of A Modern Pit Facility In Northern New Mexico And Directing The City Clerk To Inform Federal Authorities

Of The Objections”; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY that that the DOE, NNSA, and LANL are urged 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 Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe and the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County respectfully request the DOE, NNSA, and LANL to keep the City and County of Santa Fe fully informed, in a timely manner, about progress on 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.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the City and County Clerks are directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the DOE, NNSA, and LANL.

1 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2010.

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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8 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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12 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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14 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2010,

15 by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners.

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY

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COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

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By: _____

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HARRY B. MONTOYA

21 ATTEST:

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24 VALERIE ESPINOZA, COUNTY CLERK

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STEPHEN C. ROSS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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