CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 91

INTRODUCED BY:

COUNTY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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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-NF 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-NF) to facilitate large-scale production of additional
plutonium warhead cores (or "pits") at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL); and

WHEREAS, the CMRR-NF 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-NF 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-NF project; and

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

WHEREAS, a new, complete EIS -- not just a "Supplemental" EIS based on a much earlier, much smaller project -- for the new, enlarged CMRR-NF project is essential to reassure the citizens of Santa Fe County 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 and offered the opportunity to comment on alternatives to and impacts of the present CMRR-NF project at LANL, prior to any decision to proceed with it, given the safety and environmental hazards associated with the handling of plutonium and other dangerous materials, not to mention the extensive construction impacts of the project.

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-NF project, as it is presently envisioned, pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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-NF site, and that these
local governmental bodies be given the opportunity to participate fully in the deliberations on this
CMRR-NF project, whose impact has the potential to be very detrimental to the health and safety
of the citizens of our region.

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

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2010.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA V. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ___ day of __________________, 2010,

by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By: __________________________

HARRY B. MONTOYA

ATTEST:

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VALERIE ESPINOZA, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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STEPHEN C. ROSS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) TO RESOLUTION NO. 2010-91
(LANL Nuclear Facility CMRR)

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I propose the following amendment(s) to Resolution No. 2010-91:

1. On page 1, line 13, after the initials “CMRR” insert “-NF” and make this change throughout the resolution.

2. On page 2, line 7, delete the words “a new EIS for the” and insert the words “a new, complete EIS — not just a “Supplemental” EIS based on a much earlier, much smaller project — for the new,”

3. On page 2, line 8, after the words “Santa Fe” insert the word “County”

4. On page 2, beginning on line 10, delete the words “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” and insert the words “and offered the opportunity to comment on alternatives to and impacts of the present CMRR-NF project at LANL, prior to any decision to proceed with it, given the safety and environmental hazards associated with the handling of plutonium and other dangerous materials, not to mention the extensive construction impacts of the project”

5. On page 2, line 17, after the word “envisioned” insert the following: “, pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)”

6. On page 2, line 22, after the word “site” insert the following: “, and that these local governmental bodies be given the opportunity to participate fully in the deliberations on this CMRR-NF project, whose impact has the potential to be very detrimental to the health and safety of the citizens of our region”

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Bushee, Councillor

ADOPTED:    X
NOT ADOPTED:    
DATE:    11/10/10

Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk