CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 1994-49

INTRODUCED BY:

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF
ALTERNATIVES AT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

WHEREAS, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is currently undergoing
a change in its overall mission within the United States Nuclear Weapons Complex,
brought on by the ending of the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, LANL’s traditional roles of weapons research, development and
testing are presently being reexamined by Congress, by the Department of Energy
(DOE) and by the Department of Defense (DOD); and

WHEREAS, new roles are being considered for LANL, such as the production
and replacement of nuclear warheads for the arsenal; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to consider environmental impacts, and allow for
a process of public comment, before decisions are made about new major projects
at LANL; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe believes that it is appropriate to protect th
well-being of its citizens and community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of northern New Mexico deserve no less than full
consideration under the law of LANL’s future and potential impact on our
community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that:

1. The City of Santa Fe supports a transition of LANL in the post-Cold
War era toward research and development that emphasizes peacetime, civilian and
industrial applications; work that will benefit our national security in the areas of
energy use, non-proliferation of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, and
waste management.

2. The City of Santa Fe requests that all applicable environmental laws
be obeyed by the DOE, and appropriate (and legally mandated) citizen participation
be actively supported in the determination of the future mission and function of
LANL.

3. The City of Santa Fe requests that a site-wide Environmental Impact
Study and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis be completed of
LANL’s future, prior to any Congressional or DOE actions which could prejudice the
outcome of public and local government participation, and prior to any new major
construction activities, including waste disposal facilities at LANL as requested in the
letter to the DOE Secretary Hazel O’Leary, dated April 28, 1994, signed by the Eight
Northern Pueblos Council, community, labor, religious and environmental
organizations representing over 20,000 citizens of the State of New Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the governing body of
the City of Santa Fe to state its strong belief in examining what future the people of
northern New Mexico envision for themselves and their children.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13 day of July,
1994.

DEBBIE JARAMILLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

FRANCES ROMERO GRIFFIN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DIANNE DELAYO, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY