CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-64

INTRODUCED BY:

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.

WHEREAS, the United States department of energy has announced support for a plan to build a modern pit facility to produce plutonium pits in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, plutonium pits are used to trigger nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, the use of plutonium creates health and environmental hazards; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the city of Santa Fe does not support the creation of further health and environmental hazards related to nuclear weapons for the citizens of northern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the United States house energy and water appropriations committee has recently found the construction of the modern pit facility to be "premature"; and

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the United States government to help constrain the global proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE that the governing body hereby states its objection to the department of
ergy regarding the location of a new and or expanded modern pit facility in northern New
Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that given the lack of discovered aging effects
impacting plutonium pit safety and reliability, the lack of need for high production rates given the
recently ratified treaty with Russia requiring massive future arms reductions, and the need for the
United States to show global leadership by example in constraining the production and spread of
weapons of mass destruction, the governing body objects to the construction and operation of the
modern pit facility anywhere; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body directs the city clerk to send
copies of this resolution to our congressional delegation, our governor, the department of energy,
and the national nuclear security administration.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2003.

LARRY A. DELGADO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BRUCE THOMPSON, CITY ATTORNEY