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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO RESOLUTION NO. 1994-49

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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 the

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

T	the City of Santa Fe to state its strong belief in examining what future the people of
2	northern New Mexico envision for themselves and their children.
3	PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13 day of July,
4	1994.
5	Debhie Steamlle
6	DEBBIE JARAMILLO, MAYOR
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10	FRANCES ROMERO GRIFFIN, CITY CLERK
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