

Community Concerns about Los Alamos National Laboratory

**Presentation to the New Mexico Legislative Interim
Radioactive & Hazardous Materials Committee**

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Topics

- Protest by Santa Fe County and Buckman Direct Diversion Board to the DOE and Los Alamos County Application to the NM State Engineer to Transfer 679 acre feet per year of water
- Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 \$100 Million Cut to LANL Cleanup – Direct Impact on New Mexico and Water Quality
- Public Notice and Recent Problems with LANL's Electronic Public Reading Room

- Please see written testimony -

The Rio Grande flows past the Buckman Direct Diversion Project, on the right side of the river, and Mortandad and other canyons on the left side. (Eddie Moore/Albuquerque Journal)



Continuation Sheet (5 of 5)

This Attachment is to be completed if more than one (1) point of diversion is described on an Application or Declaration.

a. Is this a: <input type="checkbox"/> Move-From Point of Diversion(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Move-To Point of Diversion(s)		b. Information on Attachment(s): Number of points of diversion involved in the application: <u>42-440M</u> Total number of pages attached to the application: <u>5 wr-08</u> pages	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Point of Diversion		OR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well
Name of ditch, acequia, or spring:			
Stream or water course:			
Tributary of:			
c. Location (Required): Required: Move to POD location coordinate must be either New Mexico State Plane (NAD 83), UTM (NAD 83), or Lat/Long (WGS84)			
NM State Plane (NAD83) (feet) NM West Zone <input type="checkbox"/> NM Central Zone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NM East Zone <input type="checkbox"/>	UTM (NAD83) (meters) Zone 13N <input type="checkbox"/> Zone 12N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Lat/Long- (WGS84) 1/10 th of second	OTHER (allowable only for move-from descriptions - see application form for format) <input type="checkbox"/> PLSS (quarters, section, township, range) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrographic Survey, Map & Tract <input type="checkbox"/> Lot, Block & Subdivision <input type="checkbox"/> Grant
POD Number: RG 95870 POD 3 (CrIN-5 Angle Injection Well)	X or Longitude 1638675.22	Y or Latitude 1767030.28	Other Location Description: Coordinates at well head
POD Number: RG 96564 POD 1 (CrEX-5 Angle Extraction Well)	X or Longitude 1640180.19	Y or Latitude 1768283.85	Other Location Description: Coordinates at well head
POD Number: RG 96564 POD 3 (CrEX-4 Extraction Well)	X or Longitude 1638049.19	Y or Latitude 1768288.31	Other Location Description:
POD Number: <u>RG 97398 POD2</u> R-70 (Angle Monitoring Well, RG Number Pending)	X or Longitude 1640801.26 <u>1,640,836.63</u>	Y or Latitude 1768206.00 <u>1,768,195.35</u>	Other Location Description: Coordinates at well head
POD Number: <u>R6 485 POD12</u> R-71 Angle Monitoring Well	X or Longitude <u>1,635,749.94</u>	Y or Latitude <u>1,769,483.94</u>	Other Location Description: Coordinates at well head
POD Number: <u>R6 485 POD13</u> R-72 Monitoring well	X or Longitude <u>1,635,592.44</u>	Y or Latitude <u>1,769,483.94</u>	Other Location Description: Coordinates at well head
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Statement by BDD Facilities Manager

As Rick Carpenter, BDD Facilities Manager, stated,

“If I had submitted an application that was as incomplete as this, I think I would have anticipated that someone would have protested.”

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1488953/sf-county-protests-inadequate-lanl-cleanup-application.html>

DOE Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 \$100 Million Cut to LANL Cleanup – Direct Impact on New Mexico and Water Quality

- In recent years, Congress has provided roughly \$200 - \$225 Million for cleanup activities at LANL
- DOE is proposing a 46 percent cut, or
- A \$100 Million cut for Fiscal Year 2021, beginning October 1, 2020

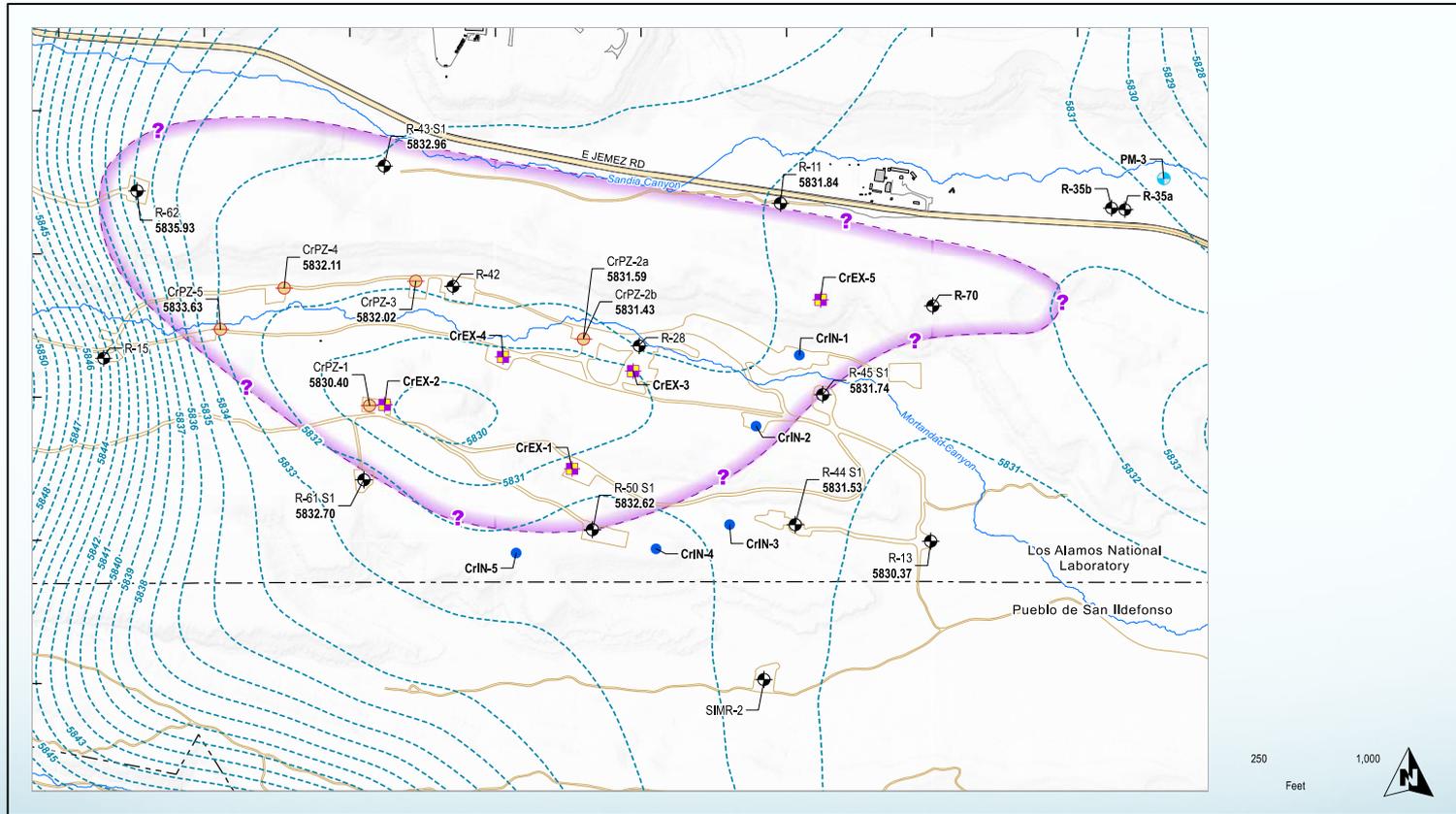
DOE Plans to Ramp Up Plutonium Pit Production with these Results, Among Other Things:

- More transportation to and from The Hill;
- More radioactive and hazardous waste generated and stored at LANL;
- Greater volume of treated water discharged;
- Greater release of particulates and pollutants into the air.

If the \$100 Million Cut Is Not Restored, Direct Impacts to New Mexico Include, Among Others:

- Challenges to safety and health;
- Cleanup employment;
- Less air and water sampling;
- Less groundwater protection;
- Less remediation of the co-located hexavalent chromium and perchlorate plumes.

LANL First Quarter 2020 Chromium Water Levels Map



Thank you for this opportunity to present some of our community concerns about LANL.

Questions?

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