



RESOLUTION 11-03

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) AND THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S (NNSA) PROPOSED CHEMISTRY AND METALLURGY RESEARCH REPLACEMENT NUCLEAR FACILITY (CMRR-NF PROJECT) AT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL).

WHEREAS, the Taos community is within the impact area of the proposed 4.5 billion dollar plutonium processing plant (known as the CMRR Nuclear Facility) at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), and we have serious concerns regarding adverse effects on the quality of our air, soil, water, as it relates to the health, safety and welfare of our citizenry; and,

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association has concluded that "population-wide changes in acute outcomes (mortality, symptomatology, hospitalizations, and healthcare visits) are linked to short-term variations in ambient pollutant concentrations," our community and our neighbors deserve to be apprised of the potential adverse effects of removing and relocating unconsolidated volcanic ash from a 125-foot deep pit, the thousands of heavy trucks loads required to remove the ash, and bringing 350,000 cubic yards of concrete to the location to fill the pit; and,

WHEREAS, economic impact studies have not been done on the effects of said plutonium plant on tourism, which is a critical source of income for our community; and,

WHEREAS, an accidental spill while transporting nuclear waste generated by the proposed plutonium plant would affect our community adversely and our firefighters, first responders and hospitals are not equipped with the proper equipment and/or training to handle the catastrophic risks inherent in this proposed plutonium plant; and,

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires public comment on proposed plutonium processing plants, and recognizing that no notice (due process) to the pueblos or any of the outlying communities of Northern New Mexico has been given, nor has there been an opportunity to comment thereon; and,

WHEREAS, only a new, full and complete, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would provide the public with enough information about the current proposal, one which only marginally resembles the proposal under which a 2003 EIS was undertaken, and which does not reflect the 10-fold increase in cost or the need for stabilization against seismic disturbances, all of which are major factors which in effect change the entire nature of the proposed project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Taos 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.


AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Taos respectfully request that the DOE, NNSA, and LANL keep the Town of Taos fully informed, in a timely manner, about progress on the EIS and about any other safety or environmental concerns that arise during any preliminary phase of construction that is done at the CMRR-NF site.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the DOE, NNSA, and LANL.

Passed, adopted and approved, this 25th day of January, 2011, at the Regular Council Meeting of the Town Council.

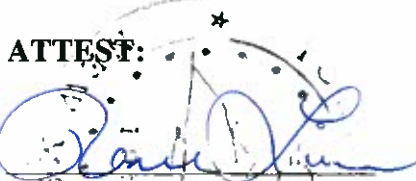
Mayor Pro Tem Rudy C. Abeyta	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember A. Eugene Sanchez	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Amy J. Quintana	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Michael A. Silva	<u>yes</u>

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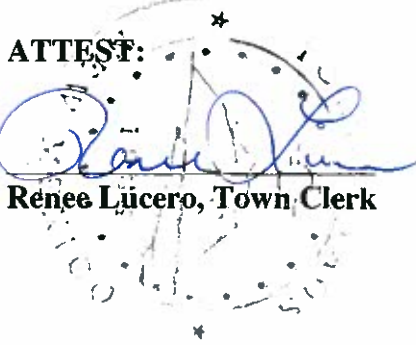


Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Lucero, Town Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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