

**D R A F T**

**A RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING A SITE-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SWEIS) FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL), INCLUDING THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF PLUTONIUM MISSIONS**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has a longstanding tradition of promoting democracy and environmental protection in pending nuclear weapons decisions by requesting 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” (Resolution 1994-49); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has previously joined with the County to support LANL expansion Environmental Impact Statements, calling for “a new complete EIS” to “reassure the citizens of Santa Fe that the safety and environmental issues entailed in this growing project are being planned for in a careful and comprehensive way” (Resolution 2010-91); and

**WHEREAS**, the Savannah River Site (SRS), the second of two proposed plutonium pit production sites, is already undergoing a new Environmental Impact Statement process; and

**WHEREAS**, this same “careful and comprehensive” planning remains an essential goal, as the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) seeks a 49% increase in spending for nuclear weapons activities at LANL for next year, which would increase LANL’s budget by about 1/3 over its present level in a single year; and

**WHEREAS**, should this expansion proceed, there will be significant environmental, cultural and social impacts to the region including in impacts to affordable housing, congestion, nuclear waste generation, and removal of legacy nuclear waste from LANL; and

**WHEREAS**, very little is publicly known about LANL’s plans, which include hiring thousands of people, partly for the sake of initiating round-the-clock plutonium pit (warhead core) production activities; and

**WHEREAS**, LANL executives have proposed specific actions to support dramatically expanded plutonium missions and should understand their impacts and be open to the public about them; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the City of Santa Fe and its residents, as well as for NNSA and LANL, to understand the impacts of these actions and of reasonable alternatives to them, as well as actions they might take to mitigate negative impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, LANL’s current plutonium pit production facility (PF-4) will be 48 years old in 2026 when LANL is expected to be reliably producing a minimum of 30 certified “War Reserve” pits per year (ppy), and a greater number on average; and

**WHEREAS**, LANL’s PF-4, which has already experienced multiple lengthy shut-downs over the years due to mismanagement, inadequacies in its design, and aging problems, is ill-equipped for this mission; and

**WHEREAS**, NNSA’s 2008 SWEIS contains numerous assumptions no longer true today, such as having available a large new nuclear facility in which LANL could handle tons of plutonium, which was never built, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rocky Flats Plant in Colorado, a plutonium pit production facility, was raided and closed by the FBI in 1989 following multiple fires and environmental contamination; and

**WHEREAS**, a SWEIS process which considers all reasonable alternatives to NNSA’s proposed actions and incorporates mitigation plans is the only available means by which the public, tribes, and local and state governments can understand the nature and consequences of NNSA’s proposed actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rules governing this and any SWEIS process are currently being changed to favor a streamlined, simplified processes, making the City of Santa Fe’s request a very urgent one; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE**, that the Governing Body requests that a new SWEIS be conducted in compliance with NEPA and its implementing regulations, including all connected actions and including cumulative impacts on the LANL site, local communities, and the region; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body calls on Senator Tom Udall, Senator Martin Heinrich, Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham to advocate that a SWEIS to be swiftly initiated; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body will continue its long-standing legacy of demanding democratic processes, recalling the earliest resolution language that demands DOE compliance, and empowers impacted citizens’ “...in the determination of the future mission and function of LANL.”

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS xx OF xx, 2020**