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Good Morning;

I have some questions for the NRC. As I understand it the LES plant will have radioactive emissions. Also, at least one of the evaporative ponds will have radioactive water.

Considering the high winds and dust storms we have in this area and if the emissions are known, Would the NRC do a computer projection of how much radioactive material would be carried by the winds from the LES site over Eunice and Hobbs in the course of a thirty year period?

Also how radioactive will the emissions be , type of emissions and the specific material the emissions will be from?.

Are there any plans to take blood samples from livestock that will be downwind of this plant over the course of its operation? To see if the food chain is being affected.

Will the other evaporative ponds at the site contain radioactive water as well?

Pit Liners- The Evaporative ponds will have liners as I understand it. Will the NRC or the state give a 100 per cent guarantee that these liners will never leak?

Where will the nearest official be located at that will inspect this plant for safety?

Does the NRC agree with LES that if a waste container was ruptured that no matter the weather condition, that no material would ever leave the plant grounds?.

As a public service, I believe all this information should be posted in every newspaper in the area.

The people that will live downwind from this facility need to know all the facts.

The New Mexico Environmental department seems to be interested in the health and safety issues involved with LES, but everyone else could care less. The NRC doesn't care about safety of the citizens here.

I don't know what is worse, poorly designed technology, or Congressmen who will not answer questions about it .

Why arent our congressmen insisting the NMED be allowed to ask all the questions it wants to the NRC?

Don't the citizens have some voice here?

I would like to ask that you, Governor Richardson get involved in with Les licensing for the health and safety of the citizens of Lea county.

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In In re: Hanford Nuclear Reservation Litig., the 9th Circuit wrote:

³Causation in toxic tort cases is typically discussed in terms of generic and specific causation. General, or generic¹ causation has been defined by courts to mean whether the substance at issue had the capacity to cause the harm alleged, while individual causation¹ refers to whether a particular

individual suffers from a particular ailment as a result of exposure to a substance.²

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