CONCLUSION to CCNS and EVEMG Comments Regarding the draft LANL SWEIS

DOE/NNSA consistently uses misleading information, incomplete and technically indefensible data and information as a basis for analysis in the draft LANL SWEIS. It relies on documents which have not been finalized to make formal conclusions in the draft LANL SWEIS. Furthermore, DOE/NNSA has not followed proper procedural rules under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the release of the draft LANL SWEIS for public comment. The public has not been afforded adequate time nor provided a genuine opportunity to fully review the draft LANL SWEIS, the referenced documents and the Data Call. Nor have the citizens in Albuquerque been provided with a hearing on the draft LANL SWEIS as requested by many elected officials, newspapers and nongovernmental organizations. Therefore, the public has not responded to the draft LANL SWEIS as fully as we may have if we were given adequate time and opportunity to do so.

These patterns of behavior by DOE/NNSA endanger public health and wellbeing and further threaten an increasingly dangerous environmental burden. As demonstrated in our comments, DOE/NNSA has acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner with regard to preparing the draft LANL SWEIS. Therefore, CCNS and EVEMG demand that the current draft LANL SWEIS be withdrawn. Pending the finalization of the necessary reports used as a foundation for this document, accurate information and data collection and a subsequent reanalysis, DOE/NNSA must release a new draft LANL SWEIS for public review and comment under NEPA.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our comments. We submit them with the intent that they will be helpful, informative and useful during the reanalysis for the new draft LANL SWEIS. In the alternative, our comments must be incorporated into the final LANL SWEIS. We look forward to your response to both these written comments and the mixed CDs. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact us either by email or phone.

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