

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-104

INTRODUCED BY:

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A RESOLUTION

**OBJECTING TO PROPOSED EXPANDED NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACTIVITIES,  
INCLUDING PLUTONIUM PIT PRODUCTION, AT THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL  
LABORATORY AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO INFORM FEDERAL  
AUTHORITIES OF THE OBJECTIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), the semi-autonomous nuclear weapons agency within the Department of Energy, has announced its plans to expand nuclear weapons activities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory; and

**WHEREAS**, these expanded activities are in addition to nuclear weapons activities previously expanded in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, these expanded activities include the planned quadrupling of plutonium pit production from 20 to 80 per year, with the near doubling of related radioactive wastes; and

**WHEREAS**, plutonium pits are used to trigger existing nuclear weapons and will be used in future new-design nuclear weapons; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of plutonium creates health and environmental hazards; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the governing body of the City of Santa Fe does not support the creation of  
2 further health and environmental hazards related to nuclear weapons for the citizens of northern  
3 New Mexico; and

4           **WHEREAS**, NNSA took 18 months from its formal "Notice of Intent" to final release of  
5 its plans through a draft "Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Operations  
6 at Los Alamos National Laboratory", but granted the public only 60 days to comment on 1,700  
7 technical pages and hundreds of referenced documents; and

8           **WHEREAS**, it is the declared policy of the city, through previously adopted resolutions,  
9 for Cities for Peace, Mayor's Peace Initiative to promote nuclear disarmament; and

10          **WHEREAS**, the governing body has previously passed Resolution No. 2003-64 which  
11 opposed expansion of "pit" facilities construction at Los Alamos National Laboratory; and

12          **WHEREAS**, the governing body has also previously passed Resolution No. 2005-39  
13 supporting compliance by the United States with the treaty on nonproliferation of nuclear  
14 weapons; and

15          **WHEREAS**, it is the declared policy of United States government to help constrain the  
16 proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, but should lead by concrete example.

17          **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
18 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the governing body hereby states its objection to the expansion of  
19 nuclear weapons activities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, including increased  
20 plutonium pit production; and

21          **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body objects to the insufficient 60-  
22 day public comment period, and strongly advises NNSA to grant a 30-day extension; and

23          **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body directs the City Clerk to send  
24 copies of this resolution to our congressional delegation, our governor, the Department of Energy  
25 and the National Nuclear Security Administration.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

David Coss  
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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VOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Frank D. Katz  
FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY