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Re: Reclassify DOE Permit Modification Request for the Addition of Three Hazardous Waste Management Units at LANL’s Plutonium Facility to a

Class 3 Requiring Public Comment, Public Hearing, and Judicial Review

Dear Ms. Dhawan:

Please reclassify the recent Department of Energy (DOE) permit modification request to add three hazardous waste management units at the Plutonium Facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory from a Class 2 to a Class 3.

Clearly, DOE is proposing a significant 53 percent increase in the storage capacity at the Plutonium Facility. The request asks for a 94,545-gallon increase. The existing permitted waste storage volume is 177,887 gallons. *See* Attachment J-1, *Active Portion of the Facility,* to the LANL hazardous waste facility permit. DOE is proposing a 53 percent increase in storage, requiring that the request be designated as a Class 3 permit modification request. Please notify DOE that it must resubmit its request as a Class 3 permit modification request.

Thank you for your careful consideration of my request. Please include my name and contact information on the Facility Mailing List for LANL.

Sincerely,

Contact info (Name and address required)