



Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority

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Legislation Text

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U.S. Department of Energy - National Nuclear Security Administration Response to Water Authority Resolution R-15-7.

On May 20, 2015, The Water Authority Board passed Resolution R-15-7, requesting the U.S. Department of Energy - National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE-NNSA) to respond to assertions made by the environmental advocacy group Citizen Action New Mexico (CANM) regarding the contents within and dangers posed by the Mixed Waste Landfill (MWL) located at the Sandia National Laboratories.

DOE-NNSA is presenting to the governing board and the Water Protection Advisory Board (in September) a response to the CANM's assertions that the MWL contains high-level nuclear mixed waste and the combustible compound metallic sodium.

DOE-NNSA states that there are no high-level wastes in the MWL, nor does it contain canisters of metallic sodium, as claimed by CANM. In addition, the DOE-NNSA states that since no high-level waste is present in the MWL, the excavation and relocation of some or all of its contents to a deep geologic repository is unnecessary as claimed by CANM.

Water Authority staff will continue to receive updates and reports about the MWL from DOE-NNSA Environmental Restoration staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None