



Buckman Direct Diversion Project

A joint regional project of the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County to build a reliable and sustainable water supply.

Ines Triay
Assistant Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
ATTENTION: Office of Environmental Management
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585
via email

January 24, 2010

Dear Assistant Secretary Triay:

I am writing you today to update you on the discussions between the Buckman Direct Diversion Board and your Los Alamos Site Office, and to ask you to intervene in these challenging negotiations. The Board has clearly articulated a list of concerns since the fall of 2007, and some progress has been made on several items (see the BDD Project website, bddproject.org, under the water quality tab).

While the past year has seen some success, our current and immediate concerns relate to the delayed implementation of an early warning system of gauges upstream of the BDD Project point of diversion, and a memorandum of agreement on data sharing and gauge maintenance. These issues have been a continuing source of concern and friction between LANL and the Santa Fe community because of repeated verbal assurances that have not resulted in material progress.

On behalf of the BDD Board and the residents of Santa Fe I urge you to take a personal role in focusing the attentions of the Los Alamos Site Office on these issues of concern immediately.

Please contact Kyle Harwood (BDD Board counsel, 505-629-8999) or Rick Carpenter (BDD Project Manager, 505-66-5696) if you have any news or wish to have additional information provided to your office. I hope you have a productive visit to New Mexico this week.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Wurzburger
Santa Fe City Councilor and Mayor Pro Tem
BDD Board Chair

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