

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-64

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A RESOLUTION

**OBJECTING TO THE LOCATION OF A MODERN PIT FACILITY IN NORTHERN  
NEW MEXICO AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO INFORM FEDERAL  
AUTHORITIES OF THE OBJECTIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the United States department of energy has announced support for a plan to  
build a modern pit facility to produce plutonium pits in New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, plutonium pits are used to trigger nuclear weapons; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the United States house energy and water appropriations committee has  
recently found the construction of the modern pit facility to be "premature"; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the declared policy of the United States government to help constrain  
the global proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

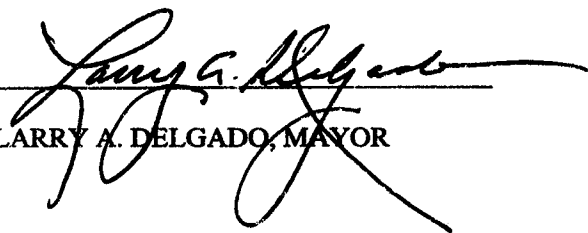
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE** that the governing body hereby states its objection to the department of energy regarding the location of a new and or expanded modern pit facility in northern New Mexico; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that given the lack of discovered aging effects impacting plutonium pit safety and reliability, the lack of need for high production rates given the recently ratified treaty with Russia requiring massive future arms reductions, and the need for the United States to show global leadership by example in constraining the production and spread of weapons of mass destruction, the governing body objects to the construction and operation of the modern pit facility anywhere; and

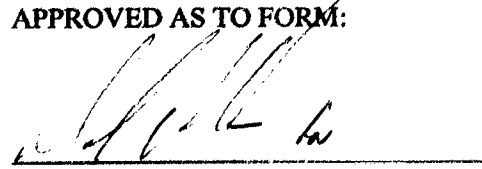
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body directs the city clerk to send copies of this resolution to our congressional delegation, our governor, the department of energy, and the national nuclear security administration.

PASSED. APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

  
LARRY A. DELGADO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
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