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Ms Bradford,

I'm forwarding ~~copy~~ originals of documents faxed on Dec 17, 2004.

Also find cy of editorial from Eunice News dated Dec 16, 2004.

How sad for those of us in Eunice who must put up with not just big business and those that will profit by this uranium enrichment plant; but from the narrow minded and ignorant that write up articles and call their side (the only side) right. Not just right but this person thinks he can tell the Governor how to do things.

Indeed how sad for Eunice, we call this stuff "news".

Rose Gardner

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Not in my backyard! This is what Governor Bill Richardson has been saying lately concerning the waste and by-product that will be generated by the National Enrichment Facility proposed to be built near Eunice.

At least he's consistent with his statement. He's said it from the very beginning and he's still saying it.

The funny part about this entire scenario is that the NEF plant is not in the waste storage business to begin with. They never have been and they never will be. It's just not in their bag. They enrich rods for nuclear electric plants.

What's even more funny about this whole thing is the Governor is telling us it's okay to create this waste and by-product, but by golly, let's get it out of New Mexico as soon as it is generated.

This is the biggest problem we have in the whole country. There just aren't enough disposal plants to store this stuff properly in the first place.

If the Governor really has all of his faculties going for him, he would be looking to make Southeast New Mexico the Nuclear Corridor of the whole country. It's a natural!

We have the WIPP Site, we have Waste Control Specialists, and we will soon have the NEF plant.

We also have the advantage of Los Alamos Labs and the Sandia Corporation. These people have years of experience and have spent billions of dollars supporting their research.

The geological make-up of Southeast New Mexico and West Texas is probably the best and most unique division in the United States.

I'm sure our Governor knows this already and instead of giving our state all this rhetoric about what to do with the storage of waste and by-product, he needs to be thinking of ways that will benefit the state and the nation.

Other countries are doing it and with the knowledge and experience we have just in New Mexico, we should be the forerunners in nuclear energy and the storage of what we generate.

Don't forget, it was New Mexico that developed and exploded the first bomb. So why shouldn't New Mexico know more than any other state on what to do with the waste in a safe way?

It sounds to me like political propaganda coming from the Guv and he is trying to straddle the fence. One leg for the business opportunities and one leg for the environmentalists.

Not in my backyard is just a ruse. The governor needs to get off the fence before he mangles himself. He needs to put New Mexico in the situation where we benefit not only our state, but the entire country.

We have the opportunity and the resources. So, let's take the bull by the horns and do it the right way.

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