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FIRST OF THE LOS ALAMOS SIX GOVERNMENT TRIAL

The first of six morally-called people who were arrested in front of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) on August 6, 2012 for peacefully attempting to protect the public from LANL's deadly radioactive hazards will be tried on September 11 at 11:00 AM at the Los Alamos Municipal Court, 2500 Trinity Dr., Los Alamos, NM (off of Valley Pond)

Albuquerque, Santa Fe and downriver Pueblos now have measurable beta emitters and alpha-emitting plutonium in their water supplies, resulting in (conservatively) over 4000 additional cancer deaths per million population over the next 50 years (based on three picocuries of alpha emitters per litre, as they do in Santa Fe's Buckman well). Plutonium is one of the deadliest radioactive substances on earth. (The above figure does not even include inhalation of plutonium.)

Some of those arrested were handcuffed by Bechtel Corporation's contracted private militia-called SOC, (Secure Our Country)--although they had been arrested by authorized civilian policemen. The Los Alamos manager of SOC has been subpoenaed to testify on this important civil rights issue.

Municipal Judge Alan Kirk, former Santa Fe Chief of Police, last month denied a request that he be removed for a potential conflict of interest; he denied a request for a jury trial; and he denied a request for Catherine A. Euler, PhD, the sole self-represented defendant, be tried at the same time as her fellow defendants. He has scheduled Euler's trial to go forward on Tuesday, September 11 at 11:00 AM. The media are welcome. Activists are welcome to demonstrate before and after court [200 ft. from the building].

The five co-defendants represented by counsel have a pre-trial date of October 17th; no trial date for them has yet been set. Euler and her five co-defendants are facing three charges under the Municipal Code: Obstruction of Movement, Refusing to Obey an Officer, and Trespass on Los Alamos National Lab property. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of \$500 or three months in jail. Euler said that [in the event of Judge Kirk choosing a guilty verdict] she will refuse to pay because it is Lab activities--not her activities--which are the greater crime. She said she is prepared to spend time in jail if that is the penalty for trying to alert the public to dangerous Los Alamos National Lab impacts on human health and the environment. Euler will also be joining the ongoing anti-nuclear hunger strike on September 11.

Catherine Euler said, "We can no longer allow the nuclear establishment to gamble away all our lives. Some plutonium and insoluble uranium isotopes will remain accessible for human inhalation in the dust and air of New Mexico, and in the Rio Grande and nearby rivers, for the rest of time. The International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) radiation 'protection' standards are neither accurate nor updated by recent epidemiological studies... Bechtel and the DOE are invested in relaxing radiation standards because it helps lower fiscal costs, but the cost in terms of human health effects are beyond calculation. Indigenous peoples downstream are at great risk, as are all the breathers and drinkers of water in Santa Fe, Albuquerque and downriver. Citizens have a duty to future generations to inform themselves about the hazards Lab authorities are refusing to acknowledge, and then to act on that information."

On the evening there will be a public hearing in Española to give the public an important opportunity to voice concerns over the DOE's plans to process 13.1 tons of "excess" plutonium at Los Alamos National Lab and/or the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The hearings begin at 5:30 PM at the Northern NM Community College, Center for Fine Arts, 921 Paseo de Oñate. Public comments begin at 6:45 PM and the hearing will continue until 8:00 PM. For further information please check out these websites:

Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety: NuclearActive.org
Nuke Watch New Mexico: NukeWatch.org
Trinity Nuclear Abolition: tna.lovarchy.org
Nuke Free Now: NukeFreeNow.org
Fasting for Peace: Hungry4Peace.org

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