

Letter to the Editor, *Corrales Comment* by Barbara Rockwell

Re Intel's expansion So Intel plans to use the old thermal oxidizers/incinerators, emission control technology that is now thirty years old. Burning off the emissions was always unreliable resulting in breakdowns that sent the full blast of toxic emissions into the surrounding neighborhoods. Not only that, some of the myriad of chemicals are made more toxic by burning, e.g. HMDS or hexamethyldisilazane that is converted into crystalline silica by burning it at the high temps used by the incinerators. Crystalline silica causes deadly pulmonary fibrosis. Several villagers have died of this relatively rare disease. Intel denies this fact even though the safety data sheet for HMDS clearly states that it should not be exposed to high temps.

There are other better methods for controlling toxic emissions. One is composting, another is super critical carbon dioxide (SCORR) a method developed at Los Alamos National Laboratory. This method is a closed loop system that uses no water, saving hundreds of millions of gallons of water that Intel sucks up from a declining aquifer.

People, this is your chance to demand that Intel do the right thing. Don't waste it.

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