

Letter to the Editor:

As I drive through Corrales, yes I am a Rio Rancho resident who 'cuts' through but I also patronize many of your businesses, I am seeing a lot of signs about growing marijuana.

Clean Air for All Now (cafanow) supports any Corrales residents' efforts to make their community a better place, a safer place. If the residents of Corrales are concerned about odors and chemicals originating from grow facilities, I also share their concerns.

Cafanow joins your efforts to discuss and support the concerns about the growth of marijuana in your village.

Will you join us in our efforts to ensure INTEL is held to account for the over 250 volatile organic chemicals they use and the 95 tons of hazardous air pollutants they emit into your home, soil and air?

Cafanow has been concerned about the odors, chemical and hazardous waste pouring out of INTEL's outdated cub scrubbers and thermal oxidizers for decades.

Villagers have tried to work with local, state and federal government agencies to hold INTEL to account without success.

Villagers have previously asked for basic protection from a chemical plant that sits in their midst.

- 1) INTEL currently holds a minor source permit, like a dry cleaner! Based on this impotent permit, there is no government oversight whatsoever. INTEL uses more than 250 volatile organic compounds and emits 95 tons of hazardous waste. Nothing less than a Major Source Permit should have been granted. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) completely failed to protect the residents surrounding the INTEL/Rio Rancho plant.
- 2) INTEL is currently using old and outdated emissions abatement equipment. Cafanow is requesting INTEL install new thermal oxidizers and cub scrubbers to make their hazardous chemicals a *'little less'* hazardous.

Let's face it, no chemicals are safe. The best we can ask for is to minimize INTEL's chemicals that rain down on villagers on a daily basis.

The chemicals and hazardous waste INTEL emits **and** the concern of Marijuana growth in your village addresses the same issues; The Health, Well-Being and Property Values of your residents.

Ask yourself; Is it safe to live under a Giant Microchip Facility that has no governmental oversight **whatsoever**? If INTEL becomes a Superfund Site, will your home values

increase or will INTEL leave a giant mess behind like they did in Mountain View, California?

Is living next to a Marijuana grow facility safe if they use insecticides and pesticides?

The answer to both is NO.

Cafanow is not asking for the removal of INTEL! Cafanow is hoping/praying NMED will do the right thing, what they are charged to do: Protect the residents surrounding the INTEL/Rio Rancho facility. NMED must award ***nothing less than a Major Source Permit*** and ***require the installation of new and updated emissions abatement***.

INTEL can afford it!

Please join our efforts as we join yours! Go to cafanow.com and sign the petition. Our goal is to reach as many residents who live near and around the INTEL/Rio Rancho plant of the dangers of the chemicals being used in their midst.

Thank you,

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