

Los Alamos to expand nuclear waste dump

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The Los Alamos National Laboratory plans to go against an advisory group recommendation as it expands its nuclear waste dump.

Sean French, a representative from Los Alamos, told the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board Wednesday construction to expand a dump in Technical Area 54 would begin next year, the Albuquerque Journal reports.

The expansion in an area called Area G would add 30 acres to the waste pits, giving it 40 to 60 years of active dumping capacity.

The advisory board, a federally funded body that advises the Department of Energy on issues related to Los Alamos, issued a report in September against the expansion and urged the laboratory to look at other ways to get rid of waste that was less toxic and hazardous.

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