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Please see attached 4 page letter.

May 28, 2026
412 Shik Lane SW
Albuquerque NM 87105

Re: SWB-24-08(P)
Broadway Transfer Station

Dear Secretary Henry,

Thank you for your service and commitment to the health and well being of the people of NM.

Thank you as well, for requiring that Universal Waste Systems (UWS) complete a CIS before you finalized your decision.

I am writing to request that you DENY the permit for a new transfer station in the Mountain View Neighborhood. As you can see there are substantive and important reasons to deny the permit.

I would like to remind you that Mountain View Neighborhood is 12 square miles, zoned 50% Residential and Agricultural and 50% Industrial (48%) and Commercial (2%).

We have two Superfund sites, numerous brown fields, seven tank farms, (that

need "monitoring please", rules and

MILES of auto salvage yards. Our neighborhood sits down wind and down hill from Sandia National Laboratories and Kirkland Airforce Base, both major industrial polluters.

We are concerned about air quality, water quality, and soil health. We already have the largest water utility unit in the entire state located in Mountain View. The proposed transfer station is less than one mile from the Mountain View Elementary school and the proposed neighborhood park.

As you can see and is documented by the Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, Mountain View is already an overburdened neighborhood.

Consider the proposed traffic of 488 trucks per day, added to an already stressed NM Hwy 47. And 488 trucks will certainly affect the air quality in our neighborhood.

Additionally, our neighborhood has struggled with poor street conditions for years. With the current road conditions, semi-truck traffic and industrial traffic

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and no traffic study since 2022, we have traffic concerns. Furthermore, there is no emergency exit plan for a neighborhood border on one side by the river and the other by toxic industry.

Here are a couple real life examples: one cannot drink a cup of coffee driving on our neighborhood streets due to pot holes and broken pavement. In a very personal example, my husband and I have had three flat tires since February due to road conditions.

This proposed transfer station would contribute to the deterioration of the historical, cultural and social beauty of our neighborhood. It constitutes a challenge to protecting and enhancing the health, safety and welfare of our beautiful neighborhood.

To further elucidate the ongoing challenging issues Mountain View faces, on Sunday May 25, 2026 (three days ago), there was a large fire at a local Mountain View recycling plant. It required nineteen fire units and 50 fire fighters. It took over 24 hours to extinguish and

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burned more than two acres, about 1 1/2 miles from my home. There were massive black billowing smoke plumes moving all over the residential area of Mountain View. The FOLLOWING DAY there was another fire in the south valley.

I sincerely hope you will give strong thought to NMED's role and responsibility to protecting the health of the people in Albuquerque's South Valley, especially the residents of Mountain View

Please deny the Broadway Transfer Station permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

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