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## Report: Los Alamos lab fails to resolve questionable expenses

ALBUQUERQUE A government audit of Los Alamos National Laboratory found 14-point-seven (M) million dollars in questionable expenses that had been reported but not resolved as of late last year.

Most of the report was released yesterday by an attorney representing Chuck Montano and Tommy Hook.

They are lab whistle-blowers who have accused managers of retaliating against them for reporting financial mismanagement.

Montano says he received the December 2005 report after filing a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Their attorney, Lynne Bernabei, says the audit by the Office of the Inspector General supports their claim that the lab has had serious problems controlling reimbursements and expenses.

Chris Harrington is a spokesman for the University of California, which was the lab's sole manager during the period covered by the audit.

He says U-C is resolving the issues and has aggressively worked to make the necessary changes to the management structure at the lab.

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