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## Investigation of ALS in Corrales Report

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Mon, Jun 11, 2018 at 2:37 PM

To: heidi.krapfl@state.nm.us

Cc: John Bartlit &lt;jrbartlit@aol.com&gt;

*Ms. Krapfl - I am copying a message below from the Community Environmental Working Group's acting chair.*

*Thank you,  
Jessie Lawrence  
CEWG Facilitator*

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Ms Heidi Krapfl:

The Community Environmental Working Group (CEWG) has particular interest in the recent report of the NMDOH entitled "Investigation of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis in Corrales, NM, 2000 – 2015," dated Nov. 21, 2017. The CEWG's mission and its work methods, work products and members are shown at <http://www.cewg.org/>. Our members have a range of backgrounds, but none of us is a specialist in the methods of epidemiology.

As part of our mission to improve community dialogue about matters related to Intel New Mexico, the CEWG has discussed details of the report of ALS in Corrales at our regular monthly meetings. In these discussions, and in related time spent online, a significant point has come to light that we need to understand better.

A prevalence rate for ALS in Corrales is calculated for a 16-year period. The data for comparison purposes are reported as annual prevalence rates. How does the prevalence for a 16-year period relate to the prevalence for the 16 annual rates over the same 16 years? Is the 16-year prevalence rate some sort of average of the 16 annual rates? Are there logical bounds on how widely the 16 annual rates could vary from the rate for the 16-year period? Any clarification you can give us on this point is much appreciated. Can you refer us to online information or parts of a workbook or manual that would help us understand these statistical techniques in epidemiology?

The CEWG and others would be pleased to learn more from you about the methods of epidemiology and the ALS study. Consider that you have a standing invitation from us to speak at a regular monthly meeting.

As is our practice, we are seeking deeper understanding of this report from a variety of sources to help us better discuss the report and better share information with each other and with others.

Thank you for your time and your help in improving public dialogue.

- Very truly yours,  
John Bartlit, Acting Chair, on behalf of the Community Environmental Working Group



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Tue, Jun 12, 2018 at 8:26 AM

John and Jessica,

Thank you for the note. I'd be happy to respond to your questions, but please give me a couple of days. We are in the thick of wildfire season and the Environmental Health Epidemiology Bureau works with colleagues to issue smoke alerts and increase awareness about health impacts of smoke.

Regards,

Heidi

**From:** Jessica Lawrence <cewgnm@gmail.com>  
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Tue, Jun 12, 2018 at 11:50 AM

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Thank you, Heidi. We understand, and we'll look forward to hearing from you soon.

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