

November 20, 1996

Mr. Michael K. O'Donnell
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Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the Work Plan (WP), dated October 29, 1996, for closure of two drywells located at the former General Electric Company Apparatus Service Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The WP was submitted in accordance with the Consent Decree (Civil Action Number 87-1073-jb) between EPA and General Electric Company. A copy of the WP was forwarded to the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) for review and comment.

EPA approves this submittal with the modifications detailed in Enclosure 1. These modifications, developed by EPA and NMED, are necessary to comply with the closure and post-closure requirements of 40 CFR § 265, Subpart G, and Section VII of the Consent Decree. EPA expects all of the enclosed modifications to be fully implemented. If you believe that any changes are necessary, other than those directed by EPA's attached modifications, those changes should be discussed with, and approved by, EPA.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, or would like to discuss the attached modifications in detail, please contact me at (214) 665-8318.

Sincerely yours,

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ENCLOSURE 1

**Required Modifications
Work Plan for Closure of Two Drywells**

General Electric Company Apparatus Service Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico

1. Upon completion of closure, certification shall be submitted to NMED by both GE, as owner of the Facility, and by an independent Registered Professional Engineer that the drywells have been closed in accordance with the approved, modified closure plan, as required by 40 CFR § 265.115.
2. The area referred to as the "optional area of excavation" shall be remediated as detailed in the Work Plan, in accordance with Section VII of the Consent Decree.
3. Storage of excavated materials in temporary stockpiles, as described in Section 4.2 of the Work Plan, shall not be done unless sampling and analysis are obtained, which prove that the excavated materials are not hazardous. Otherwise, the excavated materials must be stored in the roll-off boxes as described in the Work Plan, in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR § 262, including labeling and limits on accumulation time.
4. Verification samples taken following excavation, which is described in Section 4.3 of the Work Plan, shall be grab samples, and shall not be composited.
5. Samples obtained from the roll-off boxes for treatment and/or disposal characterization, as described in Section 4.4, shall also include a total analysis for semi-volatile organic compounds (Method 8270).
6. GE must conduct ground water monitoring, utilizing the existing ground water monitoring wells, in accordance with 40 CFR § 265 Subpart F, at least until the Final Remedy is selected for the site. The need for further ground water monitoring will be determined based on the Corrective Measures Study (CMS) results and Final Remedy, in accordance with 40 CFR § 265.90(c).