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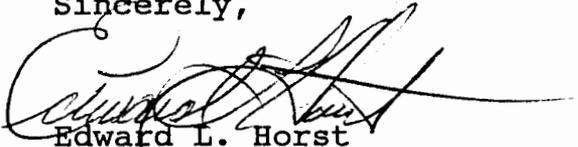
RE: Picric Acid Disposal

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

This is in response to your October 16, 1991 letter concerning proper disposal methods for explosive compounds found buried at Site 4, the Acid Trailer Burial Site. You are, of course, acting appropriately in lab packing materials found and disposing of them in accordance with applicable regulations. Regarding the picric acid found in a solid, unstable state, we agree that onsite detonation was the most reasonable and safe disposal alternative. However, we feel that this action should indeed have been brought to our attention so that we could have given it formal approval. We certainly expect that any future events of this nature be coordinated with us prior to initiating any action. We would generally approve of such a disposal method for a unique material such as the picric acid, but do expect advance notification.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Coby Muckelroy of my staff at (505)827-4300.

Sincerely,


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