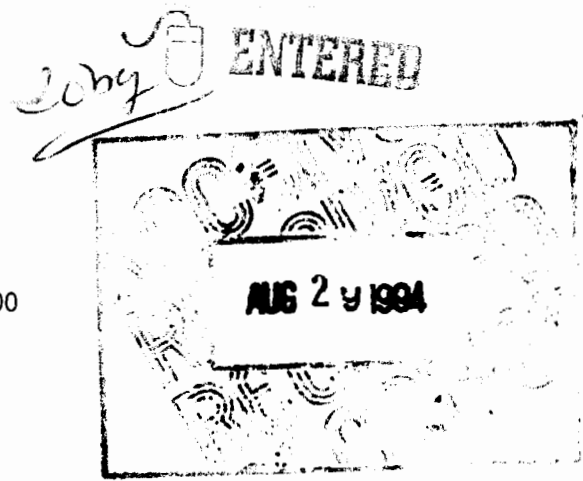




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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Benito Garcia
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau
525 Camino de los Marquez
P.O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The purpose of this letter is to formally request an extension of 30 days as provided in 40 CFR Part 262.34(b) and HWMR-7 Part 262.34(b) for certain wastes being stored at Technical Area II 90-day accumulation area, Sandia National Laboratories (SNL), Albuquerque. Part 262.34(b) allows a 30 day extension, at the discretion of the Secretary, if the wastes "must remain on-site for longer than 90 days due to unforeseen, temporary, and uncontrollable circumstances".

The reason for this extension request is that the analytical results for the materials contained in nine (9) 55 gallon drums have not been completed. The chemical analysis is complete, but the radiological survey is taking much longer than expected. The laboratory performing the radiological survey has been contacted three times, with their promise to complete their survey within the next 30 days. This activity will cause the materials to remain on-site beyond the 90-day limitation for accumulation areas. The extension is requested for the period beginning August 16, 1994 and ending September 15, 1994.

Per your August 10, 1994, telephone discussion with Mr. Edward Horst of SNL, and your informal approval of this extension at that time, the subject materials are continuing to be stored at the Technical Area II site.



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Mr. Benito Garcia

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Please contact me if there are any problems with this activity at 505-845-6869 or contact Mr. Ted Pietrok of my staff at 505-845-5649. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George K. Laska". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

for Kathleen A. Carlson
Area Manager
Kirtland Area Office

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