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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Surface and Groundwater Bureau
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NM ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The purpose of this letter is to submit a report concerning a release of hydraulic fluid onto the ground at our facility, Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico (SNL/NM). This release occurred on August 5, 1997, and was reported to your office, by telephone on the same day. The incident was reported by Ron Dobbs of the Department of Energy.

The following information is provided to satisfy the New Mexico Water Quality Control Regulations, Section 1-203.A.3, which requires a written report within 5 days of the oral notification to verify the telephone report and provide additional or corrected information. This letter also provides the 15-day written description of the corrective actions implemented as required by Section 1-203.A.6

1. Name, Address and Telephone Number of person(s) in charge of the facility (Owner/Operator): The facility is DOE owned and operated for the U.S. government by the Sandia Corporation. The responsible DOE person is Michael J. Zamorski, Acting Area Manager of the Kirtland Area Office.

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Telephone Number: (505) 845-4094, (Ron Dobbs (505) 845-4428)

2. Name of the Facility: Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico.

3. Date, Time, Location, and Duration of the Discharge: The release occurred on August 5, 1997, at 3:10 p.m. The duration of the release was approximately two hours, and the situation terminated at 5:55 p.m.

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The location of the spill occurred on Pennsylvania Avenue, and southwest of the Kirtland Air Force Base horse stables.

4. The Source and Cause of the Discharge: The source of the release was a forklift which had ruptured a hydraulic line.

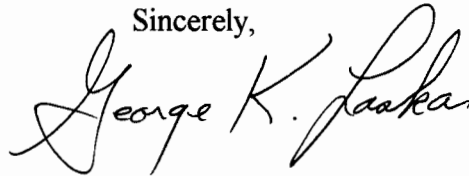
5. A Description of the Discharge: The release had occurred on asphalt/pavement. When maintenance personnel tried to restart the forklift on the side of the road, more hydraulic fluid was released to the ground. The release/spill was confined to this area.

6. The Estimate Volume of the Discharge: The estimated quantity of hydraulic fluid released from the forklift was 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ gallons.

7. Actions Taken to Mitigate the Damage of the Discharge: The spill of hydraulic fluid was remediated by excavating the affected soil. Eight (8) 55 gallon drums of soil was excavated from the spill location. Excavation to mitigate the release of the oil began immediately and resumed the following day.

If you require any further information, please contact Ron Dobbs of my staff at (505) 845-4428.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George K. Laaka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

per Michael J. Zamorski
Acting Area Manager

Mr. Kelly

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