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RE: Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) November 12, 1996 letter.

Dear Mr. Plum and Mr. Hargis:

In the November 12, 1996 letter from H. L. Plum, Department of Energy (DOE) Los Alamos Area Office to Janice Archuleta, New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous And Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB), several issues relating to Treatability Studies were discussed. In addition, in the third paragraph of the letter, it was stated, "...as discussed in Section 3.1.8 of the STP [Compliance Plan Volume, Site Treatment Plan] Background volume [of the Federal Facility Compliance Order, October 4, 1995], electrochemical treatment is also being investigated to process low-level mixed wastes streams including STP treatability groups LA-W913, LA-914, LA-W915, and LA-W929. On September 6, 1996, a Research, Development and Demonstration permit application was submitted to NMED for use of electrochemical treatment processes." Does this last sentence infer that *more than* treatability studies will be performed on the waste streams listed above? If so this would require the inclusion of a new treatability group for electrochemical treatment in the STP.

Please notify NMED/HRMB of the intentions of DOE and University of California in treating the mixed waste streams mentioned above from the November 12, 1996 letter. If there are any questions concerning this or other FFCO matters, please call me at (505) 827-1558.

Sincerely,

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