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Dear Ms. Archuleta:

Subject: Site Treatment Plan Corrective Action Plan (STP-CAP), Federal Facility
 Compliance Order (FFCO), February 14, 1997 Letter of Violation, Third Status
 Update

The purpose of this letter is to update the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on the status of activities supporting the corrective action steps outlined in the April 4, 1997 STP-CAP, referenced above. The Department of Energy (DOE) and the University of California (UC) submitted this STP-CAP to address concerns raised in the referenced Letter of Violation issued to the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Elements of the STP-CAP address each of the five violations noted in your February 14, 1997 letter.

Seven corrective action steps related to Issues 1 and 3 were anticipated to be completed by June 30, 1997.

Issue 1: "DOE and UC failed to provide NMED notification pursuant to Section XX.C.1 of the FFCO and meet the compliance date within the scheduled timeframe as set forth in the FFCO Site Treatment Plan Compliance Plan Volume (CPV) Section 3.1.1 Activity A. This violation is supported by facts outlined in a letter dated December 9, 1996 from DOE to NMED."

Issue 3: "DOE and UC failed to provide NMED notification pursuant to Section XX.C.1 of the FFCO regarding waste received off-site within the scheduled timeframe as set forth in the FFCO CPV Section 3.1.1 Activity C [Provide documentation to NMED that waste was received at off-site facility with a milestone date of within 45 days after receipt of waste at treatment facility]. This violation is supported by facts outlined in a letter from DOE to NMED dated January 31, 1997 and was noted during a meeting between the parties held January 27, 1997."

The STP-CAP identified the same two root causes of both occurrences and addressed each with a series of corrective action steps. The following seven steps were anticipated to be completed by June 30, 1997 under root cause No. 1, for both Issue 1 and Issue 3.



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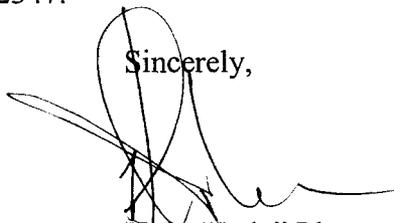
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Cause	Corrective Action Title	Corrective Action Steps	Responsible Organization	Status
Undesignated Responsibility	Update LANL's STP Implementation Plan	Correct Plan to reflect current LANL organizations	Waste Management Program Office	Completed on 6/25/97
		Identify key roles and responsible organizations	Waste Management Program Office	Completed on 6/25/97
		Ensure that all milestones are identified in the Plan, including those following shipments	Waste Management Program Office	Completed on 6/25/97
		Identify all requirements and activities under the FFCO and STP	Waste Management Program Office	Completed on 6/25/97
		Designate responsible organizations for each milestone, requirement and activity, and data quality	Waste Management Program Office	Completed on 6/25/97
		Define process for resolving FFCO and STP compliance issues	Waste Management Program Office	Completed on 6/25/97
		Have Plan approved by appropriate management level	Waste Management Program Office	Completed on 6/26/97
		Conduct training on the Plan	Waste Management Program Office	Completed on 6/30/97

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information regarding the LANL STP Corrective Action Plan. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 665-5042 or Mr. Ken Hargis at (505) 667-2347.

Sincerely,



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