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Dear Ms. Archuleta:

Subject: Notice of Completion of Offsite Waste Shipment, Site Treatment Plan (STP),
Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

The purpose of this letter is to notify the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) of an offsite waste shipment believed to have been conducted in accordance with the requirements of Activity 3.1.5F in the Federal Facility Compliance Order (FFCO), October 4, 1995 (as revised). Activity 3.1.5F on page 13 of the Compliance Plan Volume (CPV, Exhibit A) of the STP as reissued February 25, 1997, requires that, "*(W)ithin 45 days of receipt of waste at treatment facility,*" the Department of Energy (DOE) and the University of California (UC) "*(P)rovide documentation to NMED that waste was received at off-site facility.*"

A shipment of three (3) drums of STP-covered wastes, believed at the time of shipment to be included in MWIR ID LA-W922, "*Noncombustible debris,*" listed in Section 3.1.5 of the CPV, was sent on June 30, 1997, to the Envirocare facility in Clive, Utah. However, following completion of the shipment, it was discovered that the waste items in question had been identified for inclusion in MWIR ID LA-W922 prior to issuance of the FFCO in October 1995, but inadvertently had been omitted from the original STP inventory.

All three of these containers, having a total volume of 0.625 cubic meters, were received at TA-54 in the August 1991 time frame and should have been part of the original STP inventory. This omission was identified in both the March 1996 and March 1997 FY 1995 and FY 1996 STP *Annual Updates*. A revision to correct its omission and to include these and other covered wastes in the CPV, was transmitted to NMED on March 31, 1997 (Revision 5.0). However, this revision has not yet been approved by NMED.



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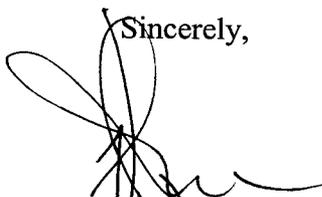
Please be aware that this shipment was originally scheduled for September 1996, and rescheduled to December 1996 before being rescheduled again to June 30, 1997. At that time, DOE and UC had not received a position from NMED as to whether STP-covered wastes that had not yet been formally included in the CPV through the revision process could be shipped off-site.

We regret our oversight in not verifying the CPV status of these wastes prior to their shipment. It is our expectation that the procedure that is being finished this month, which has a July 31, 1997 anticipated completion date in LANL's STP-Corrective Action Plan (STP-CAP), should eliminate this type of error in the future.

Enclosed is a Certification Statement, which was prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section XX, "*Documents, Information, and Reporting Requirements*," of the FFCO.

DOE and UC records and documents related to this letter are available to NMED staff upon request. Please contact me at (505) 665-5042 or Mr. Ken Hargis at (505) 667-2347 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



H. L. "Jody" Plum

Office of Environment and Projects

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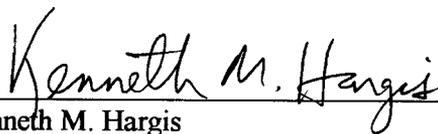
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CERTIFICATION

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TREATMENT PLAN (STP), LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
(LANL)**

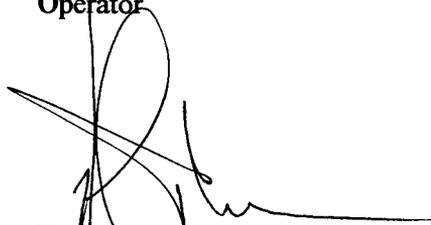
I certify that I am the project manager responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Site Treatment Plan for the Los Alamos National Laboratory. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in this document is true, accurate, and complete.



Kenneth M. Hargis
Manager of Operations
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Los Alamos National Laboratory
Operator



Date Signed



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