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RE: New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Approval for Revision 4.0 and 5.0 Request to Federal Facilities Compliance Order (Order) Exhibit A, Mixed Waste Site Treatment Plan Compliance Plan Volume (STP/CPV)

Dear Mr. Plum and Mr. Hargis:

The purpose of this letter is to provide written approval for Revision 4.0 and 5.0 Request to the FFCO STP, October 4, 1997 as amended and revised. The Department of Energy (DOE) Los Alamos Area Office and University of California at Los Alamos National Laboratory (UC) have provided appropriate documentation in accordance with Section IX. *Revisions* of the Order, and responded to requests and questions from the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) since the requests were initiated in February 28, 1997 for Revision 4.0 and March 31, 1997 for the Revision 5.0 Request. The NMED has received no public comment concerning the revisions and therefore approves the request. These revisions will be tracked as 97-04 and 97-05 for Revision 4.0 and 5.0, respectively.

The public comment period has officially ended, however, HRMB would take into consideration any written comments that may be received with a post mark dated within the thirty days of the public notice.

In order to expedite the approval process for these revisions, a separate cover letter with the final revisions will be mailed separately.



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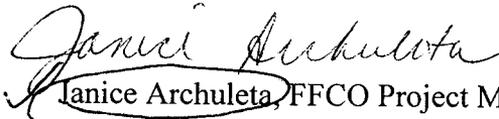
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The NMED/HRMB had reviewed and approved the Revision 4.0 and 5.0 requests in order that the CPV Section 3.2.1 Compliance Date for December 29, 1997 would be met. In the future, the NMED/HRMB review, public notice review, and approval process will not be able to be processed within the short time period as that between the final revision request of November 24, 1997 and December 29, 1997.

If there are any questions concerning this or other FFCO matters, please call me at (505) 827-1558.

Sincerely,


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