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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Subject: Site Treatment Plan (STP), Compliance Plan Volume (CPV), Milestone Activity 3.3.1 (E), Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Federal Facility Compliance Order (FFCO), October 4, 1995.

The purpose of this letter is to update the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) about the status of completing STP CPV Milestone Activity 3.3.1 (E) and to discuss an amendment approach to the CPV. The Department of Energy (DOE) and the University of California (UC) would like to propose an amendment to the CPV before the Milestone Activity 3.3.1 (E) date of July 31, 1999. Milestone Activity 3.3.1 (E) requires the DOE and UC to "*Complete treatment/disposal operations or other recycle operations for lead waste not acceptable for decontamination,*" by July 31, 1999 for waste in Treatability Group "*Lead for Surface Decontamination,*" MWIR Waste IDs LA-W930-0 and LA-W930-5.

As discussed during our meeting of March 24, 1999, there were originally 151 items in this treatability group. Seventy-five items have been decontaminated on-site prior to December 2, 1998, 58 items have been shipped off-site for decontamination and recycling, 2 items are scheduled for shipment in April 1999 and 15 items have been found to be not amenable to decontamination. DOE and UC would like to propose the 15 items to be transferred to other treatability groups in the upcoming amendment.

The one remaining item is a very large glovebox. The quantity of radioactivity in the material has recently been determined to be too high for off-site shipment. The only remaining option is for on-site decontamination. The milestone for completing on-site decontamination for items in this treatability group was December 2, 1998. Therefore, DOE and UC would like to propose that this item be transferred within the same treatability group to subgroup LA-W930-6, by amendment, in order to pursue on-site



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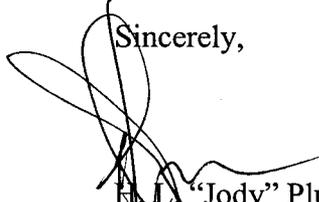
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decontamination. The Milestone Activity 3.3.1 (G) for this sub-group (LA-W930-6) "*Complete shipment of wastes to decontamination operations,*" is December 2, 1999.

DOE and UC would like to contact you in the near future to discuss our amendment approach and to arrive at a timetable for submitting the amendment. Please contact me at (505) 665-5042 or Beverly Martin at (505) 665-0714 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jody Plum", written over a circular stamp.

Jody Plum
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