



*Environmental Science & Waste Technology/Waste Management
Off-Site Source Recovery (OSR) Project*
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Refer to: E/WMOSR:01-030

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED



Mr. Michael Chacon
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Hazardous Waste Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF MILESTONE ACTIVITY 3.1.10(A),
FEDERAL FACILITY COMPLIANCE ORDER (FFCO), SITE
TREATMENT PLAN (STP), COMPLIANCE PLAN VOLUME (CPV), LOS
ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL).**

Dear Mr. Chacon,

The purpose of this letter is to request, from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), an extension for Milestone Activity 3.1.10(A) in the LANL FFCO, STP, CPV. A formal request will be included with the next STP Annual Revision Proposal, due to NMED on March 31, 2002.

Milestone Activity 3.1.10(A) requires the Department of Energy (DOE) and the University of California (UC) to, "[c]omplete shipping of existing wastes to an off-site treatment facility or complete parallel option," for waste in Treatability Group, "Elemental Mercury," MWIR Waste ID LA-W920 by the Compliance Date of "11/15/01." NMED previously approved, on December 18, 2000, a one-year extension of this Milestone Activity in STP Revision 10.0. The extension was approved to allow time for commercial facilities to develop the capabilities for treating this type of mixed low level waste. Another one-year extension is requested at this time, and it will be formally proposed, resulting in a new Compliance Date of November 15, 2002, upon NMED approval.

Waste in this Treatability Group LA-W920, "Elemental Mercury" has been prepared for shipment for treatment to a new facility, located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The facility has received a permit to treat mercury waste but it is still not currently operational.



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DOE and UC prefer not to ship the mercury waste to this facility if they are only able to put the waste into storage at this time. Another one-year extension of the November 15, 2001 milestone should allow the facility enough time to become operational, or for DOE and UC to explore alternatives for developing capabilities to treat this waste.

I am available to discuss this request with you at any time. Enclosed is a Certification Statement prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section XX, "*Documents, Information, and Reporting Requirements*," of the FFCO. Please contact me at (505) 665-0714 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Beverly Martin
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Enclosures: a/s

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**ENCLOSURE A
CERTIFICATION**

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
MILESTONE ACTIVITY 3.1.10 (A)
COMPLIANCE PLAN VOLUME (CPV)
SITE 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.

Beverly Martin
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STP Project Manager
Environmental Science and Waste Technology
Los Alamos National Laboratory
Operator

9/5/01
Date Signed

James Nunz
Waste Management Program Manager
Los Alamos Area Office
U.S. Department of Energy
Albuquerque Operations
Owner/Operator

Date Signed