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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and the Investigation by Chairman Dingell's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

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As you may be aware, Chairman Dingell's Committee is currently investigating the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) facility. This involves an examination of health, safety and environmental problems at the facility and how DOE (both H.Q. and the area office) and the contractor, University of California, have been dealing with problems in these different areas. Barbara Goetz stated that this may be only a smaller part of a wider DOE investigation. The hearings are tentatively set for March 18, 1992. The Subcommittee staffers stated at the February 21, 1992 conference call to the Region that they might ask someone from EPA to testify. Barbara Goetz will notify everyone when and if there is a request for EPA to testify.

It appeared from the questions being asked by the Subcommittee staffers that they were mainly interested in radionuclides (Air) and SWMUs (RCRA). They also have discussed water violations and permitting at LANL. The Subcommittee appeared interested in both permitting and enforcement actions taken by the Region at LANL.



They were also interested in how DOE had centralized settlements through the DOE H.Q. and how this has slowed down settlements at DOE sites.

Additionally, the Region has received (after aggressive prompting by the Air Division) the November Tiger Team Report on LANL which details LANL's environmental problems in each media. Each Division should arrange for someone from their enforcement/permitting branch to review this document for additional areas of noncompliance. The Regional copy is in Bruce Jones' office and you may contact him about the Tiger Team Report.

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