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*Barbara  
pls review  
& let me know  
how this re  
RCCA permit  
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works about the  
2/27/93 meeting  
with Clark*

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Ms. Judith M. Espinosa  
Secretary  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Harold Runnels Building  
1190 St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Dear Ms. *Judy* Espinosa:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is considering a construction project for a Mixed Waste Disposal Facility at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in Los Alamos County, New Mexico. The proposed activity would consist of a disposal landfill that is a series of individually engineered cells. The surface facilities will include office building(s), equipment storage areas, and equipment decontamination and washdown facilities. This action is being taken to satisfy the requirements established by Environmental Protection Agency Region VI as described in the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments Module VIII of the LANL Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Part B Operating Permit (effective April 10, 1990, through December 22, 1999).

Section 1021.301 of DOE's National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) Implementing Procedures (57 FR 15122, April 24, 1992) requires that DOE notify States and affected Indian tribes hosting Department facilities of initial NEPA determinations.

Such notification is intended to facilitate early and open communication between DOE and the State of New Mexico regarding proposed projects. Accordingly, I am notifying you that the Department intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Mixed Waste Disposal Facility. When the EA is complete, DOE will provide you with a copy for your review and comment.

If you or your office staff wish to receive further information about this project, please contact Mr. Bruce G. Twining, Manager, Albuquerque Field Office, at (505) 845-6049.

Sincerely,  
*[Signature]*

Thomas P. Grumbly  
Assistant Secretary for Environmental  
Restoration and Waste Management

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