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Gilbert Sanchez, 1st Lt. Governor
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Re: **May 1993 Cesium (137) Sampling Results, LA Wells**

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

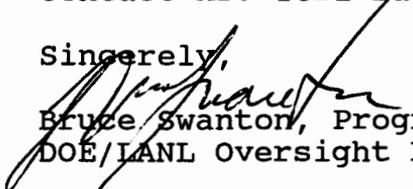
In response to the concerns raised by representatives of the All Indian Pueblo Council about Cs(137) in LA-2, the New Mexico Environment Department, LANL/DOE/AIP Oversight Program has split samples with LANL EM-8 during their annual environmental surveillance. The results did not indicate Cs(137) to be above detection limits. A summary of the results from the May 1993 split-sampling event are listed below:

| Parameter (pCi/L) | <u>LA-1B</u> | <u>LA-2</u> | <u>Halladay</u> | <u>Pajarito-2</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Cs(137) | <4.29 | <3.1 | <3.24 | <2.88 |
| Am(241) | <13.77 | <9.38 | <11.88 | <8.66 |
| Sr(90) | <0.72 | <0.68 | <0.68 | <0.66 |
| H(3) | <740.6 | <740.6 | <740.6 | <740.6 |

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Please note that in the future environmental surveillance issues will be led by John Parker, Mixed Waste Program Manager. All issues pertaining to releases or potential releases from environmental restoration sites will be led by Bruce Swanton, LANL DOE Oversight Program.

If you should have any questions regarding these matters, please contact Ms. Teri Davis of my staff at 665-7124.

Sincerely,


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