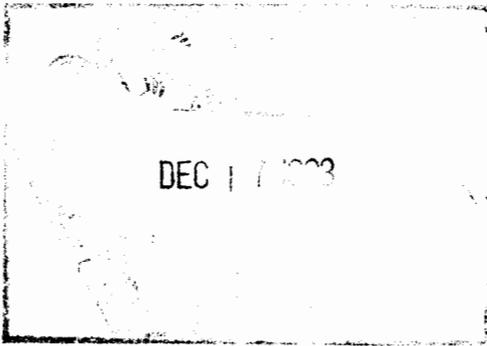




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Ms. Barbara Hoditschek
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Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

As you requested, I am taking this opportunity to report to you that the Department of Energy (DOE) and the University of California, via the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), have held two public meetings to provide information to the public regarding permit modifications to LANL's Hazardous Waste Facility Permit pursuant to the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-7), 40 CFR, Part 270.42. One month before the meetings were held, appropriate meeting notification appeared in five area newspapers, and a mailing was sent to approximately 1600 people. Despite this effort, no members of the public attended either meeting.

The two public meetings were held on December 13, 1993, at Fuller Lodge, Los Alamos, New Mexico. Three people prepared presentations for each meeting: Jon Mack, Los Alamos Area Office, DOE; Jack Ellvinger, Permitting Section, LANL; and Mike Baker, LANL TRU Waste Remediation Project Manager. Their presentations were designed to help the public understand the history and reason for the permit modification. In addition to the speakers, LANL offered the following items to aid the public's understanding of the issues:

- A six foot high by eight feet wide exhibit board
- A fact sheet
- Copies of the view graphs of Mr. Baker's presentation
- An evaluation card to seek the public's input regarding the success of the meeting format

In addition, other LANL staff were present to answer questions. Mr. Mack was prepared to follow up with members of the public who had questions that did not pertain to the meeting topic.

One month before the meeting date, and in order to notify the public of these meetings, not only was a notice placed in the newspaper of record, the Albuquerque Journal, but notices were also placed in the Albuquerque Journal North, the Santa Fe New Mexican, the Los Alamos Monitor, and the Espanola Rio Grande Sun. To supplement these published notices, LANL also sent a

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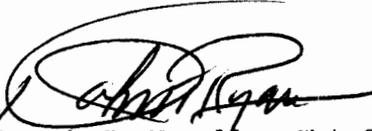
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notice to approximately 1600 members of the public whose names make up LANL's public notification mailing list. This list includes Native American tribes and interest groups.

Copies of all meeting notices and the written material available at the meetings are enclosed for your information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (505) 665-5027.

Sincerely,

FOR 
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