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Mr. Robert Enz
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Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

Dear Mr. Enz:

Enclosed please find some material being sent to you as a result of the telephone discussion you and Mr. English had with my staff on June 22. This material consists of copies of relevant Federal guidelines and should help you understand how this Department interprets some of the regulatory requirements for clean closure of surface impoundments. Pertinent sections of these guidelines are highlighted.

As staff discussed with you, clean closure of these lagoons can be approved only if this method of closure will not adversely impact human health and the environment. The mechanisms for determining if human health and the environment will be adequately protected under clean closure are the screening action levels and, if necessary, the risk assessment.

Please call Stephanie Kruse of my staff at 827-4308 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Hoditschek".

Barbara Hoditschek, Program Manager
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