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Ms. Barbara Driscoll
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Dear Ms.Driscoll:

To ensure continuing communication and involvement of regulators and interested stakeholders in our decision-making process, enclosed is the preliminary fiscal year (FY) 1997 Environmental Management (EM) priority list for sites under the purview of the Albuquerque Operations Office (AL). This preliminary list will afford you the opportunity to review and assist us in developing the final priority list, which will be submitted to EM Headquarters on April 17, 1995.

The subject priority list is comprised of all AL/EM program activities and is based upon risk, mission need and ability to realize near term results. The first two columns reflect the state and sites in which the activity is conducted; the third column relates to the program in which the activity resides; the fourth column is the Activity Data Sheet reference (budget request documentation) and the fifth and sixth columns represent the activity and associated funding. The activities are ranked in priority order within one of three funding levels.

The first funding level is the Decrement which equates to 85 percent of the funding level proposed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The second level is the target recommended by OMB, and the third level assumes full compliance. While we were able to prioritize within program areas such as Waste Management and Environmental Restoration, we were unable to further breakdown individual program areas and integrate them to develop a total EM program ranking at this time. The highlighted areas on the priority list indicate where program activities conducted in your state rank in relation to the total AL requirement.

While all operations associated with Department of Energy (DOE)/AL have made a concerted effort to implement productivity improvements and cost efficiency during the last year to ensure a cost effective program, the increased emphasis on the national deficit reduction precludes AL's ability to fund all of its EM requirements in FY 1997. Given the reality of constrained budgets, it is highly unlikely that any activity in the Planning Level will be funded in FY 1997. We, therefore, invite your comments on the enclosed prioritization and request that you submit your recommendations by April 3, 1995, through your respective DOE Area Office.



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In closing, we appreciate your interest and we look forward to working with you to develop a comprehensive and cost effective Environmental Management Program for FY 1997.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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