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Dear Neighbor:

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You and your friends are cordially invited to attend one or both of two public roundtable meetings on **May 9, 1995, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, sponsored by the Environmental Restoration Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Department of Energy (DOE). The meetings will take place at the **Pojoaque High School Gym located at the intersection of US 84/285 and NM 502 in Pojoaque, NM.** The purpose of the meetings is to discuss two requests for Class 3 modifications of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) portion (the HSWA Module) of the Laboratory's permit to operate under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Topics for the permit modification requests to be discussed at the meetings will consist of:

- Addition of 23 solid waste management units to the HSWA Module;
- Removal of 89 solid waste management units from the HSWA Module;
- Expedited cleanups of 4 sites.

Additional topics will include:

- Removal of 278 areas of concern; and
- Voluntary corrective action cleanups of 36 sites.

Information sheets on these topics will be available at the meetings.

One of the current requests for permit modification proposes to add 23 solid waste management units to the list in the HSWA Module under Class 1 permit modification requirements. Based on the premise that no further action (no further investigation or additional cleanup) is needed at 89 solid waste management units, the request also proposes to remove these units from the HSWA Module. At the same time, DOE and the Laboratory are proposing to remove 278 areas of concern from the total list of potential release sites.

The Laboratory engages in two accelerated cleanup approaches for potential release sites: Voluntary Corrective Actions (VCA) and Expedited Cleanups (EC). The VCA process is intended to primarily address small-scale potential release sites that are inexpensive to clean up. These sites are likely not to be listed in the HSWA Module of the permit. The EC process is intended to address larger-scale sites that are more expensive to clean up and are identified in the HSWA Module.



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The cleanup remedy is obvious in both approaches. Upon completion of these cleanups, the sites will be removed from the HSWA Module. These proposed cleanup actions will minimize costs and reduce potential health and environmental risks associated with contamination left as a result of past Laboratory operations. A total of 40 sites will be addressed through the accelerated cleanup process. Four of these 40 sites are listed in the HSWA Module.

Comment cards will be provided at the meetings. You may submit your comments directly to Barbara Driscoll with the EPA. You may mail the comment card yourself, or we can mail them for you. Whatever option you choose, I encourage you to comment on the two permit modification requests.

Site tours are planned to reflect the two Class 3, HSWA Module permit modification requests (refer to the recently mailed *Environmental Restoration UPDATE* dated April 1995 that discussed the first permit modification request). We invite you to sign up for the tours at the meetings or call 1-800-357-8301 or 665-6771 to reserve a space. Please provide your name, address, and telephone number. The tours will take place on Thursday, May 11, 1995, and Saturday, May 13, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting place for both tours will be at the Tri-Square Complex, located at 2075 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, NM. This location is just east of the Los Alamos Inn.

The site tours will be the same for both days, and will feature sites involved in the requests for permit modification. The following items are being planned for review at the site tours locations: (1) an underground storage tank that is a solid waste management unit and is proposed for no further action; (2) a wastewater treatment facility that is an area of concern and is proposed for no further action; (3) an inactive sewer line and eleven manholes that form one solid waste management unit and are proposed for expedited cleanup; and (4) a material disposal area that is a solid waste management unit and is proposed for no further action.

We look forward to seeing you at one or both of the meetings on **Tuesday, May 9, 1995, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and/or 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Come and ask questions, let us know if you have concerns, receive information on solid waste management units, expedited cleanups, voluntary corrective actions, and sign up for the site tours.

Sincerely,



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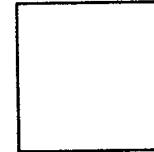
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