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Mr. Theodore J. Taylor
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Los Alamos, NM 87544

Re: Use of High Explosive (HE) Spot Test Kit
Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your response letter dated May 18, 1995 concerning use of the High Explosive (HE) spot test kit at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). EPA will allow use of the HE spot test kit for biasing Phase I sampling locations, as long as a percentage of samples are sent for laboratory analysis. Results of the HE spot test kit may not be used as part of a no further action decision by LANL.

In the future, LANL should use field screening methods which meet the requirements of EPA SW-846 Method 8510 and 8515 colorimetric analyses when lower detection limits are needed in field screening.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Barbara Driscoll at (214) 665-7441.

Sincerely,

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Chief, RCRA Permits Branch

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