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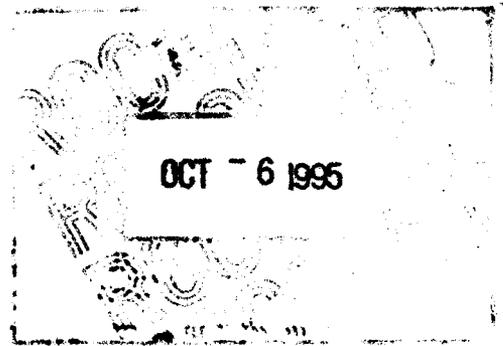
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Re: LANL Accelerated RFI Decision Logic Flow Chart
Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Per our September 18-19 meeting, the Environmental Protection Agency is providing the following comments on the Los Alamos National Laboratory Accelerated RFI Decision Logic.

1. It may be beneficial for LANL to include and mark those locations throughout the decision tree where EPA review, notification or approval would be required or recommended. Including LANL/EPA communication points in the decision process may facilitate effective operations and avoid unnecessary efforts.
2. The extent of contamination should be determined before the decision to go to an expedited cleanup (EC) is selected. The first "box" to the right of the first "diamond" should include a requirement to determine extent of contamination. Otherwise, the diamond to the right of this box, which asks "Does the HH or eco-screening assessment identify any COPCs?", can't be answered appropriately. Caveats for considering accelerated action, listed in the box at the bottom right of the page, should require that the extent of contamination be determined prior to consideration for accelerated action.
3. Additive risk should be addressed prior to consideration for accelerated action.

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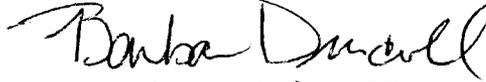


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4. Comparison of COPCs to background concentrations should be addressed prior to consideration for accelerated action.

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

Sincerely,



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