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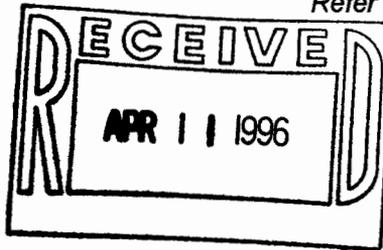
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SUBJECT: COMPILATION OF UPDATED WASTE VOLUME PROJECTIONS

Dear Ms. Williams:

The Los Alamos National Laboratory's Environmental Restoration Project is in the process of compiling updated waste volume projections. These projections should be available within the next two weeks. These estimates are preliminary and are based, under the best of circumstances, upon site characterization data. In some instances, site characterization data may not yet be available, so the estimates are based solely upon the cognizant field team's knowledge of the site and best professional judgment.

We know from experience that site characterization data do not necessarily equate to waste characterization and volumes cannot be derived from site characterization data. Therefore, we are currently not in a position to quantify the effect of the new requirements for release of contaminated materials and property containing residual radioactive material. It would seem reasonable that the new guidance regarding approval of limits for residual radioactive material in mass or volume could potentially have an impact on the volumes of waste generated. The extent of the impact will only be known as we learn more about the individual sites and determine what the release limits will be.

Please ask your office to contact Larry Maassen at (505) 667-1691 or Everett Trollinger at (505) 667-5801, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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