

memorandum

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Albuquerque Operations Office
Los Alamos Area Office
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

DATE: JUL 24 1996
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: LAAMEP:9KZ-021
SUBJECT: Requested ESH Division Formation of Watershed Management Taskforce

TO: Steve Rae, Group Leader, ESH-18, LANL, MS-K491

DOE requests that ESH-18 take the lead in forming a Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) taskforce to address watershed management at LANL. The taskforce would focus on implementing the necessary management systems, policies, and procedures to ensure proactive compliance with EPA Stormwater Regulations, New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, and State of New Mexico Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Streams on a sitewide basis. The taskforce should include appropriate LANL line management; ESH-18 water quality staff; FSS Division; Johnson Controls, Inc.; the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) DOE Oversight Bureau; and DOE/LAAO. DOE requests that this taskforce be formalized with a charter inclusive of a mission statement, objectives, team membership, roles and responsibilities, deliverables, and a management steering committee to ensure effective and timely implementation of taskforce recommendations.

DOE believes that there is a general lack of awareness of stormwater and surface water regulations when doing maintenance or construction work at LANL. At recent meetings, the NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau has expressed concern over the potential for soil erosion and sediment transport at LANL. NMED has recommended the enhancement of site-specific stormwater controls and monitoring. DOE believes that the watershed management approach being recommended by ESH-18 and the ER Program should be formalized and implemented as LANL policy as soon as possible and reviewed with the appropriate stakeholders, particularly San Ildefonso. It should also incorporate the ER Program/ESH Division systematic evaluation process currently being implemented. DOE requests the formation of this taskforce by August 5, 1996, and completion of its mission by January 1, 1997.

If you have any comments or any questions, please contact Ken Zamora of my staff at 665-5047.

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