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**RE: Request for Assistance
 Review of Ecological Risk Concerns
 Los Alamos National Laboratory Corrective Action Documents**

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

As a follow-up to a recent discussion with Mr. Jeff Yurk of your staff, the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is requesting the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) assistance in the review of the ecological risk portions of the following Corrective Action (CA) documents:

- Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Canyons Core Document (Operable Unit 1049) due January 1997
- LANL's Task/Site Workplan OU 1049 Los Alamos and Pueblo Canyons dated November 1995
- Ecological Risk Assessment for the Los Alamos National Laboratory dated October 23, 1996
- Sandia National Laboratory's general approach to ecological risk anticipated February 1997

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact either myself or Ms. Susan Hoines, HRMB's Ecological Risk contact, at 505/827-1558.

Sincerely,

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