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David Neleigh  
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**RE: Mid FY97 Report for the NM RCRA Subtitle C Program, IPA activities**

Dear Mr Neleigh:

The EPA Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement (IPA) program has greatly aided the State with specific RCRA and HSWA activities within New Mexico during first half of FY97. Ms. Kim Hill (EPA IPA) has shown exceptional abilities and much needed expertise in assisting the State with Corrective Action (CA) activities at complex RCRA facilities such as Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Ms. Hill has performed above HRMB expectations and has been instrumental in developing the CA program at the State. Kim has also greatly assisted in processing DOE documents so that cleanup can proceed at a timely pace.

Kim has completed reviews of numerous Stabilization Plans/Reports and RFI Reports, and has worked with numerous NMED bureaus to coordinate issuance of a Notice of Determination for the LANL Class 3 Permit Modifications for No Further Action of 576 PRSs at LANL. Ms. Hill has also been coordinating with many NMED bureaus on several policy and guideline issues which is resulting in a unified NMED approach to overseeing corrective action at LANL. Kim is currently drafting 2 RFI Report NODs and 1 IA Plan approval. Kim will complete reviews for 1 additional RFI Report and 2 IA Reports before the End-of-Year. Ms. Hill's comments have been of exceptional technical adequacy and are most effective at achieving ultimate approval of specific documents.

Kim has provided peer review on 23 HRMB reviews of DOE LANL/SNL submittals. Kim has been instrumental in working with LANL to develop an Accelerated CA process which will allow for timely regulatory reviews of DOE CA submittals. Kim has served as a most effective facilitator in meetings held between the State and LANL regarding the upcoming HSWA Permit re-issuance. Ms. Hill also provides comment to the State on DOE Budget



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issues as related to LANL's Schedule of Compliance. Kim continues to participate in LANL ER monthly meetings to provide EPA perspective on policy and RCRA/HSWA issues.

On a day to day basis, Ms. Hill provides a high level of expertise on technical issues surrounding the permitting and CA activities at LANL. Kim's positive attitude and straightforward approach to complex issues has had a very positive impact on the RCRA Program.

HRMB would like to inquire as to the possibility of extending Ms. Hill's IPA assignment for at least another year. Kim has become a vital part of the DOE Team within the RCRA Permits Management Program and her continued support and guidance from EPA's perspective is positively shaping the CA program within New Mexico. Should you have any questions please contact either myself or Ms. Teri Davis of my staff at (505) 827-1558.

Sincerely,



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