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Mr. Theodore J. Taylor, Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

The RCRA Permits Management Program is in receipt of information indicating DOE has spent approximately One Hundred Seventy Thousand (\$170,000) dollars on site tours for myself and my staff during the last fiscal year. RCRA Permits Management Program does not wish to impact the DOE budget in such a manner and yet requires site access in order to provide complete regulatory oversight.

I therefore recommend a solution that would be more cost effective, for DOE and LANL, over the life of the DOE/LANL RCRA Permit. I ask that DOE and LANL provide funding and administrative support for the RCRA Permits Management Program DOE Team Staff (7 total) be provided with "Unescorted Q Clearances" which would negate the need for DOE LANL to spend money on "site tours" but provide access to sites over a longer period of time. You may contact Ms. Teri Davis for a list of individuals that the program wishes to be cleared.

Should you have any questions on this matter please contact me at the above address or by phone at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,

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