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Dear Mr. Garcia:

This responds to your January 27 letter expressing your dismay at not having been notified of the cancellation of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (Board) meeting scheduled for January 24, 1998. As I stated in your office on February 2, 1998, I apologize for the inconvenience this caused you and particularly for the personal time you lost that Saturday. I realize that your personal time on weekends is highly valued. In calling Board members, Ex-officio members, and others whom we thought might attend, your name was regrettably missed. Had our regular support staff not been out of the office for medical reasons the day we made these calls, I believe you would have indeed been called. I hope that my efforts to keep you on E-mail and fax transmittals during this last week have been successful.

I strongly encourage you to come to the upcoming Board meetings. When I spoke with you this last Monday, I was impressed that the perspective you bring could be key in helping this Board set its direction. I believe an understanding by Board members of how the State interacts with the Los Alamos National Laboratory for compliance with permit requirements, and regarding cleanup priorities and cleanup levels that have been established to date, is essential to Board business.

I apologize again for the miscommunication, and hope you will be able to attend future meetings. I have already forwarded your suggestion for evening meeting times to the Ad Hoc Committee that is planning the next meeting, but have yet to receive their recommendation.

Sincerely,

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