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Mr. Mat Johansen, AIP POC
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RE: Inspection Observations and Recommendations concerning NPDES outfalls scheduled for deletion through the Waste Stream Characterization Program at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

Dear Mr. Johansen:

The following NPDES outfall is scheduled for deletion from LANL's NPDES permit through the Waste Stream Characterization Program. DOE OB and LANL ESH-18 staff completed non-regulatory inspections of this outfall on the indicated date and concur that it is no longer in use. DOE OB observations and recommendations for this outfall is listed on the attachment. This inspection was requested by ESH-18 and a copy of this correspondence will be transmitted to the ESH-18 Group Leader.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Dennis Romero, of our staff, at 672-0459.

Sincerely,

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DOE OB Inspection List of Observations and Recommendations

OUTFALL: 05A054

LOCATION: Fish Ladder

DATE OF INSPECTION: 5-21-98

DELETION METHOD: All sources from Building TA-16-340 have been capped or re-routed to the sanitary system. The outfall did feed a small wetland. The area is classified as a SWMU. All sources to the outfall have been eliminated.

OUTFALL STATUS: Outfall is no longer in use.

RECOMMENDATION: The DOE OB recommends that this outfall be taken off the NPDES industrial permit. The SWMU is under the cognizance of LANL's ER program. This outfall did feed a small wetland area. DOE OB recommends that the area be reevaluated under AP 4.5 due to the possibility that the wetlands may be adversely affected by the closure of this outfall. If the vegetation in the area begins to die out, there may be a possibility that the erosion and contaminant transport potential for the area could greatly increase. In addition, the facility plans to leave the fish ladder in place. This could cause a small concentration of storm water runoff to be directed toward the outfall.
