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RE: Open Action Item Resolution
Los Alamos National Laboratory
NM0890010515

Dear Mr. Taylor and Mr. Browne:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter (referenced by EM/ER: 99-127 and dated June 15, 1999) regarding the resolution of open action items. We consider the action items in both Category 1 and 2 of the enclosure (Enclosure A) as being part of the RCRA Corrective Action process. Those items in Category 1 may be incorporated into the Environmental Restoration (ER) Project's ongoing RCRA Corrective Action activities and may be subject to prioritization based on the ER Project's watershed and aggregation approach. However, those items in Category 2 may be subject to special requirements (such as due dates) as set forth in other site-specific RCRA Corrective Action documents which created the action or in subsequent modifications to those documents.

The Bureau understands that Enclosure A was created to reflect all known action items except those specifically set out in the "Annual Work Schedule for the Environmental Restoration Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory" (the "Work Schedule") of Module VIII of LANL's Hazardous Waste Facility Permit and that it may not be all inclusive. An action item identified outside the Work Schedule and Enclosure A should be brought to the attention of the Bureau prior to placing it in Category 1.



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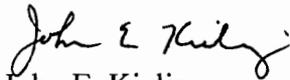
Although the Bureau has approved LANL's Installation Workplan (including the Work Schedule) and agrees with the resolution of open action items, it retains its authority to require LANL to take whatever actions it deems necessary to protect human health and the environment. The Bureau realizes that such actions, if required, may impact the ER Project's budget, prioritization, schedule of compliance, corrective action document deliverables, etc.

One correction must be made to Enclosure A: it incorrectly identifies the frequency for the 16-021(c) CMS Progress Report as quarterly. Module VIII specifically requires that CMS progress reporting occurs on a monthly basis. This information was also relayed to you in a letter dated June 7, 1999 commenting specifically on the last progress report formally received for 16-021(c).

In addition, an earlier iteration of Enclosure A included corrective action activities related to the Canyons which were notably absent from this latest version. A schedule of Canyons activities is provided in the Work Schedule; however, the dates in the Work Schedule vary significantly from the dates provided in Table 1-1 of the Canyons Investigation Core Document (LAUR-96-2083). The Bureau requests that this Table be revised to more accurately reflect the current anticipated due dates and the grouping of canyons per submittal. This revised Table should be resubmitted as replacement page 1-5 to the Canyons Investigation Core Document.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (505) 827-1558 x1012 or Ms. Kim Birdsall-Hill at (505) 827-1558 x1048.

Sincerely,



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