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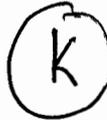
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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 30, 1999



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RE: Notice of Intent for Potable Water Discharges at the Los Alamos National Laboratory

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) and the Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) have received Notice of Intent (NOI) for discharges of potable water dated April 14, 1999 and has been working with the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) staff to develop a method to streamline the submittal of NOIs for potable water. In order to proceed with the processing of these NOIs for LANL, the NMED requires the following commitments:

1. That DOE/LANL submit Administrative Records for Potable Water Releases (copy enclosed) in lieu of NOIs. In addition, the Administrative Records forms must also contain the following statements:
 - a. potable water meets the EPA drinking water MCLs and applicable WQCC standards,
 - b. potable water comes from a drinking water supply and has not been exposed to any contaminants, and
 - c. potable water from fire hydrant flushes, fire suppression, and steam condensate meets all WQCC standards. DOE/LANL should have available upon request, water quality data supporting these statements.

2. NMED also requests that DOE/LANL commit to the following mitigation actions for all potable water releases:
 - a. potable water discharges addressed under the NOI will not impact any RCRA Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs), Potential Release Sites (PRSs), or

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Los Alamos National Laboratory
Administrative Record for Potable Water Releases

Responsible Facility/User Group:

Contact Person:

Phone #:

Pager #:

Discharge Location:

Discharge Occurred:

Discharge Discovered:

Discharge Stopped:

Corrective Actions: NA

Nearest Water Course and/or Canyon Affected:

Source and cause of discharge:

Material spilled: Potable Water

Estimated amount: 20,000 gallons

Notification:

NMED: B. Hoditschek

DOE: B. Enz

TIME:

TIME:

DATE:

DATE:

Cleanup Started:

NA

Cleanup Finished

NA

Weather conditions:

Written Report Delivered:

Date:

Comments:

Written Notification completed by: H. Decker, ESH-18.

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- Area of Concerns (AOCs) such that it will cause transport or release of contaminants, and
- b. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented during potable water discharges to assure that no erosion or detrimental environmental impacts occur as a result of the discharge. BMPs used will be clearly defined in the Administrative Notification.

All Administrative Records must be submitted to the GWQB and SWQB and the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau shall be copied. The records must be received by the agencies seven (7) days prior to the discharge.

Once NMED has received the information requested in this letter, NMED will proceed with the processing of the potable water NOI. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hoditschek at 827-0596 or Phyllis Bustamante at 827-0166.

Sincerely,


Barbara Hoditschek
Surface Water Quality Bureau


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Pollution Prevention Section

enc: Administrative Record for Potable Water Releases

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