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INFORMAL MEMORANDUM

TO: David Gurule, LAAO Area Manager

FROM: Ted Taylor, ER Team Leader *Ted*

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: May 16, 2000

LANL Environmental Restoration (ER) Project personnel met with personnel from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2000.

Attendees were: Julie Canepa, UC/ER; Barbara Hloditschek, NMED/SWQB; Ralph Ford-Schmid, NMED/OB; Danny Katzman, UC/ER; John Young, NMED/HRMB, NMED Point of Contact (POC) with the ER Project; Woody Woodworth, DOE/AI-LAAO/ER; Don Hickmott, UC/ER; Ted Taylor, DOE/LAAO/ER.

The agenda was:

1. The recovery process.
2. NMED's near term priorities.
3. Coordination among federal, state, and local agencies.
4. Funding sources for recovery operations.

Recovery Process. Julie and Ted reviewed the Laboratory's recovery process, and discussed the ER Project's Recovery Plan. Danny summarized the work of his team in assessing erosion potential at potential release sites (PRS) and at other areas within the Lab and outside the Lab.

NMED's Near Term Priorities. Barbara, John, and Ralph discussed several near term priorities: (1) wellhead protection (production wells and monitoring wells); (2) "hot spot" removals in canyons; (3) erosion control, especially at PCB-contaminated sites; (4) coordination with the US Forest Service and Los Alamos County; and (5) access to burned areas for on-site inspections.

It was noted that the ER Project will conduct on-site inspections as soon as permitted by the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) or the Facility Recovery Center (FRC). Dave McInroy is the ER Project's POC for the FRC, and Tony Grieggs is his back up. Dave is working to determine when on-site inspections will be allowed. When access is permitted, the ER Focus Area Leaders and their teams will enter the areas under escort to inspect and evaluate the PRSs, the watersheds, and any ER equipment at the sites. NMED, through John Young, will be notified of the inspections.

The ER Project (Danny, Steve Rencau, Steve Veenis) and Mat Johansen of LAAO are participating on the Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) Team, and are meeting on a



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daily basis with the team, generally at 1:00 p.m. This team will evaluate and initiate near term actions to stabilize the watersheds. It is not known whether Los Alamos County is participating on this team. Ted will contact Mat Johansen to find out about the County's role in the BAER Team.

When the potential for "hot spot" removals was discussed, the process the ER Project will follow during the recovery period was discussed. Each ER Focus Area Leader will compile a list of proposed actions, together with their justification and estimated schedule and cost. These proposals will be evaluated by a senior management team (Julie, Ted, Brad Martin), and a priority list will be established. Those actions which are approved will be added to the ER Baseline through an informal Baseline change process. NMED will be consulted during this evaluation and approval process.

Coordination Among Federal, State, and Local Agencies. The following coordination arrangements were identified: (1) The ER Project and NMED will meet regularly, perhaps on a weekly basis, to discuss the recovery process and actions to be taken pursuant to the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) Module. These meetings will potentially replace the regular monthly meeting. (2) The ER Project will participate on the BAER Team, and will provide data and support as requested. (3) Mat Johansen will represent DOE-LAAO on all surface water issues, and will coordinate with the ER Project and NMED. (4) The ER Project will continue its regular interactions with Los Alamos County, and NMED is invited to the meetings. (5) The ER Project will coordinate on a daily basis with DOE-HQ and DOE-AL.

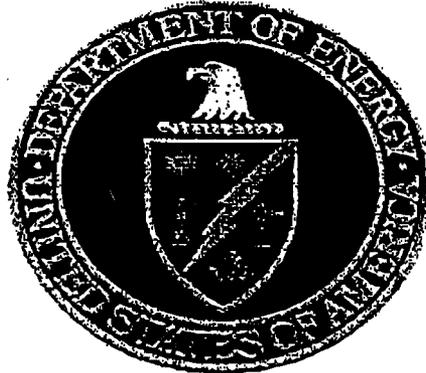
Funding Sources for Recovery Operations. It was noted that senior managers at DOE-HQ and DOE-AL are pursuing funding to support all recovery operations. This initiative will be discussed by Ted with DOE personnel at a conference call on May 17, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. MDT. Regardless of the success in obtaining additional funding, the ER Project will take all actions required to ensure regulatory compliance and to maintain sound project management.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday afternoon (May 18) or Friday morning (May 19).

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Remarks:

Summary of meeting with you, Barbara, and Ralph.

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