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January 13, 2003

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**RE: REQUEST FOR DATA FROM THE GROUNDWATER FOCUS AREA'S
INVESTIGATION OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF HIGH
EXPLOSIVE COMPOUNDS
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
NM0890010515**

Dear Dr. Browne and Mr. Johansen:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) requests a copy of the data and results from the Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Groundwater Focus Area's 2001 investigation to determine if EZ-MUD and QUIK-FOAM drilling fluids produce false positives for high explosive compounds and associated degradation products when analyzed by the EPA SW-846 Method 8330 (HPLC). NMED requires this information in order to accurately review and analyze groundwater quality data submitted by LANL and to make regulatory decisions regarding the implementation of the Hydrogeologic Workplan and other groundwater investigations, as well as future analytical needs for groundwater characterization and contaminant evaluation.

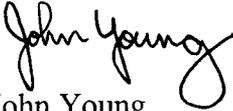


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NMED requires this data to be submitted within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of this request. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Ms. Carolyn Cooper of my staff at (505) 428-2539.

Sincerely,



John Young
LANL Corrective Action Project Leader
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