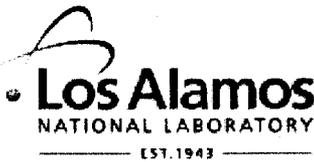


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**SUBJECT: REQUESTED NMED PARTICIPATION ON THE MULTI-AGENCY  
SURFACE WATER ASSESSMENT TEAM (SWAT)**

Dear Mr. Lundstrom:

The Surface Water Assessment Team (SWAT) was established in 1997 to address surface water and erosion related issues at the Laboratory. The SWAT consists of members from LANL, DOE, NMED/DOE/OB, and NMED/SWQB. The SWAT has been inactive since the issuance of the NMED Order in November, 2002. We believe that the time is now appropriate to reactivate the SWAT to address similar concerns that must be resolved in order to implement the Federal Facility Compliance Agreement (FFCA) by the EPA under the Laboratory's Multi Sector General Storm Water Permit (MSGP). The FFCA will require the Laboratory to implement additional storm water monitoring and stabilization activities at Solid Waste Management Units and within watersheds.

The SWAT has had success in the past addressing these surface water issues primarily because it provides a mechanism for improving communications between the NMED and LANL/DOE. The SWAT will: evaluate data collection and quality assurance activities; develop screening action levels; recommend appropriate stabilization measures; provide input into Total Maximum Daily Load (TDML) development; provide input into Individual Storm Water Permit development; and perform other surface water related activities.

The Laboratory's Risk Reduction & Environmental Stewardship Division (RRES) requests the support of your staff in this process, so that we can address NMED's concerns related to the Laboratory's Storm Water Permit Program and FFCA implementation. We believe that the time invested by all organizations will pay dividends in the form of improved communications and understanding.



It is anticipated that this effort will require one meeting per month of two to three hours for an NMED staff member from the Hazardous Waste Bureau, Surface Water Quality Bureau and Oversight Bureau. The NMED's participation in this effort is important in the implementation of the Laboratory's Storm Water Permit Program and FFCA.

Please call Steve Veenis, Project Leader for the Laboratory's Storm Water Permit Program, at (505) 667-0013, if additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,



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