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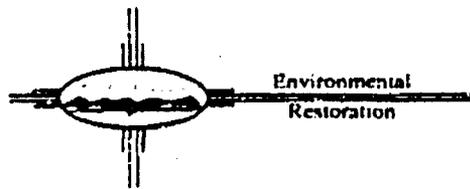
**SUBJECT: OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 1071, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT (SWMU) 0-031(a), REQUEST FOR WORK PLAN DEVIATION**

Dear Mr. Neleigh:

Personnel from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and University of California Environmental Restoration (ER) Project have determined that the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act facility investigation (RFI) for SWMU 0-031(a), three underground storage tanks (UST), is not warranted for reasons described below. We are therefore requesting that you approve a deviation in the RFI Work Plan for OU 1071. The proposed deviation consists of a complete cancellation of all activities outlined for SWMU 0-031(a) in Section 5.11 of the OU 1071 Work Plan.

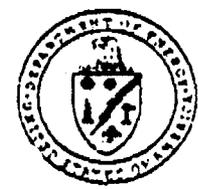
The ER Project does not feel an investigation of SWMU 0-031(a) is warranted because after transfer of the subject land from the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), a predecessor of DOE, into private ownership, it was subsequently used commercially for the storage of substances now regulated by underground storage tank laws. The pertinent period of time after the AEC transfer spans twenty years, 1968-1988. The commercial use of the property took place continuously during this period. The usage of the tanks was discontinued in approximately 1988 when the current property owners renovated the Hilltop House Hotel.

The USTs have not yet been closed, but DOE is currently in the process of notifying the current landowners of their responsibility for the closure, which must be pursued under the New Mexico Environment Department UST Bureau regulations.



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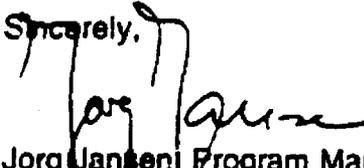
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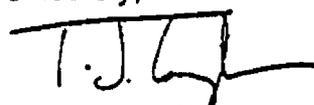
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If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please call Bonnie Koch, at 665-7202, or Garry Allen, at (505) 667-3394.

Sincerely,

  
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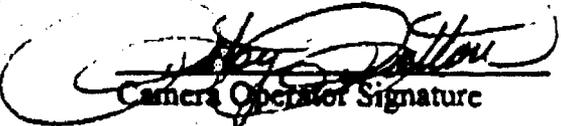
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