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SUBJECT: ER AUDIT ACTION PLANS

Attached are Environmental Restoration (ER) Audit Action Plans addressing the three findings from the July 15, 1997, Audit Report from the Office of the Inspector General. The ER Audit Plans enumerate what actions will be taken, when they will be completed, and who is responsible to ensure that they are completed.

If you have any questions, please call Brad Martin 5-7107.

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Attachments: ER Audit Action Plans

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LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
Audit Action Plan

Name of Audit: Audit of Environmental Restoration at Los Alamos National Laboratory

Date Report Issued: July 15, 1997

Agency Conducting Audit: OIG

LANL Tracking Number: 96-43

Finding #1:

Los Alamos did not generate the information needed to assess whether specific sites were remediated in a cost effective manner.

Recommendation:

Los Alamos should provide detailed remediation cost data on a site-by-site basis.

Response: DOE-AL concurred.

#	Action to be taken	Target Completion Date	Responsible Organization
1.	Obtain DOE concurrence regarding types of lower level costs to obtain from contracts.	2/1/98	EM/ER
2.	Obtain DOE concurrence on an appropriate site to use in the study.	2/1/98	EM/ER
3.	Conduct baseline activities necessary to collect lower level costs on selected site.	2/26/98	EM/ER
4.	Determine benefits achieved from study and, in cooperation with DOE, decide if expanding the practice is sensible.	11/15/98	EM/ER

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Finding #2:

Performance criteria used to evaluate cost effectiveness were not always reasonable, measureable, and complete.

Recommendation:

Incorporate a performance measure into Appendix F of the UC-DOE contract that would evaluate how well actual costs compare to planned baseline cost data.

Response: DOE-AL concurred.

#	Action to be taken	Target Completion Date	Responsible Organization
1.	Negotiate performance measures to meet the intent of the recommendation.	2/26/98	EM/ER

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Finding #3:

Los Alamos's sample validation procedures were not cost effective because Los Alamos validated more samples than called for by Federal and New Mexico standard practices. Los Alamos paid up to \$540,000 more than necessary to validate results.

Recommendation:

Los Alamos should follow the guidance or tolerances established by the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Mexico Environment Department for data validation.

Response: DOE-AL concurred.

#	Action to be taken	Target Completion Date	Responsible Organization
1.	No action will be taken by LANL until the benchmarking study is completed by DOE-AL. Once the study is complete, LANL will negotiate appropriate actions with DOE/AL.		EM/ER

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