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**To:** File  
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**Re:** Below Grade Excavation of Super Computing Center (SCC) at LANL TA-03

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During construction of the Super Computing Center (SCC) at TA-03 it was observed that the area had been excavated to a depth of 20 to 25 feet below grade. In communication with the ISR Division Team Leader, Aaron M. Morrison, a LANL employee who worked at the Sylla-C building during construction of the SCC and witnessed the building efforts throughout the construction cycle, his personal account was that the area was excavated well below grade. Mr. Morrison observed during the first stages of demolition and construction that heavy equipment (bulldozers, heavy trucks, grading equipment) excavated the area to a depth between 20 and 25 feet prior to construction of the SCC facility. It was observed that the excavated area was so deep that the heavy equipment working in the area was well below the ground surface.

