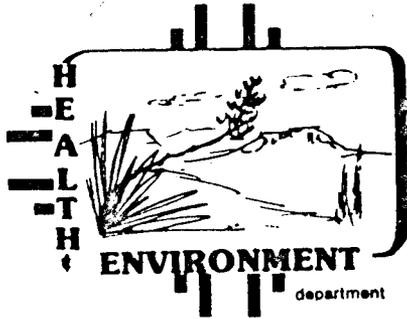


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July 22, 1985

Mr. Harold Valencia  
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Dear Mr. Valencia:

This is in response to your June 7, 1985 letter pertaining to the Environmental Improvement Division's (EID) Compliance Order/Schedule, Docket Number NMHWA001007 and the meeting which was held between EID, DOE and UC representatives on July 2, 1985 in Santa Fe. This Compliance Order pertained to the hazardous waste activities at Los Alamos National Laboratories.

We have carefully reviewed all of your comments and suggestions and offer the following response to the four points in your June 7 letter:

1. your input at the March 7, 1985 meeting was solicited and accepted, but not required; EID has the responsibility, under our existing statutory authority, to select what we feel are appropriate dates of compliance;
2. Compliance Order Paragraphs 18 through 20: we accept this comment as these items were delivered, as due, May 1, 1985;
3. Compliance Order Paragraph 24: we do not feel that eight (8) months for data analysis and interpretation and two (2) months for report preparation are unrealistic. It is not our intent to jeopardize the quality or completeness of your total effort; however, the timeframes appear realistic and attainable; and
4. Compliance Order Paragraph 25: the comments applicable to 3 above are germane here as well.



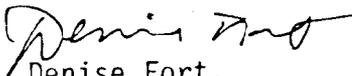
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We are in sympathy with your budgetary constraints; however we do not feel that any of our timeframes are either unrealistic or will threaten to the quality of work performed. The amounts of time given for the various tasks are similar to other Compliance Orders/Schedules issued by the Hazardous Waste Section to other New Mexico federal facilities. We are, therefore, not willing to change the dates/milestones are presented within our Compliance Order/Schedule of May 7, 1985.

We look forward to your forthcoming submittals and appreciate the sincere efforts which we feel Los Alamos is making toward hazardous waste management.

Sincerely,

  
Denise Fort,  
Director

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