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Ms. Joyce Hester Laeser, Counsel  
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Re: Requests for Public Hearing

Dear Ms. Laeser:

The Environmental Improvement Division (EID) is in receipt of the requests for public hearing embodied in the August 31, 1988 letter to Michael Burkhart and the October 6, 1988 letter to Boyd Hamilton, from Harold E. Valencia and Allen J. Tiedman, and Frank A. Baca and Allen J. Tiedman, respectively.

EID has been considering candidates to act as the hearing officer for the public hearing pursuant to §74-4-10.F NMSA 1978 (1987 Supp.) and currently intends to contract with former New Mexico Court of Appeals Judge William R. Hendley for those services. I anticipate that Mr. Hendley would hold a pre-hearing for EID, DOE and the University of California Regents to finalize procedures for the public hearing, make and preserve a complete record of the proceedings, and make recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law to the Director of EID after the hearing.

I understand that DOE and the University are drafting proposed hearing procedures, and will be glad to discuss any such proposal shortly after EID's receipt of them.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kirkland Jones, Deputy Director, EID  
Jack Ellvinger, Hazardous Waste Bureau  
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