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Dear Ms. Sisneros:

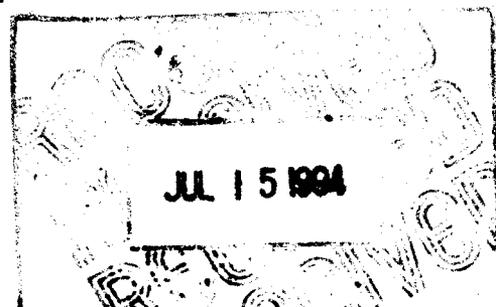
Thank you for your letter of June 29, 1994, inquiring about the status of our response to you regarding National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) issues at the Department of Energy (DOE) Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). As you point out, at a meeting on May 3, 1994, Diana Webb of my staff told you that we would provide a list of the current project status, NEPA review status, and funding status for ongoing projects at LANL. We have provided you with that information for one project, the proposed Mixed Waste Disposal Facility, as we promised at the May 3 meeting.

We are in the process of compiling the information you requested for the remaining 18 projects to send to you and the others who attended the meeting. As Ms. Webb pointed out at the time, some of these projects are in flux and we have had to ask other DOE offices for information regarding their current status. We expect to have this information pulled together soon.

Also, as discussed at the meeting, DOE is in the process of preparing an Advance Notice of Intent to initiate the NEPA review for the Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for LANL. At the meeting, we committed to you and the other stakeholders present that the Advance Notice will contain a listing of all ongoing NEPA reviews and the DOE recommendation as to whether each review should proceed independently of the Site-wide EIS, be incorporated within the Site-wide EIS review, or be deferred until after the Site-wide EIS is completed. We will be asking for state, tribal, and public comment on these recommendations to assist us in developing the scope of the Site-wide EIS review. We will send you a copy of the Advance Notice as soon as it is approved; DOE intends to publish the Advance Notice by the end of July.



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We apologize for any concern or inconvenience that we may have caused by the length of time it has taken us to respond to your request. We expect to have this information to you by the end of this month. If you have any questions regarding this letter, I invite you or your staff to call Ms. Webb directly at (505) 665-6353.

Sincerely,



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