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Dear Mr. Muckelroy:

Subject: Request for 30-Day Extension for Storage of Hazardous Waste at Technical Area 16

The purpose of this letter is to request a 30-day extension for the storage of hazardous waste at the Technical Area 16 (TA-16) less-than-ninety-day storage locations shown in Table 1.

Hazardous wastes consisting of pieces of High Explosives (HE), or materials contaminated with HE, are normally treated by open burning at the TA-16 Burning Ground. Due to extreme fire danger, all open burning was voluntarily suspended at TA-16 on May 9, 1996. Subsequently, the Director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) issued a directive prohibiting all open burning at LANL. This prohibition will be in effect until safe burning conditions exist. The U. S. Department of Energy concurs with this directive.

The dates that hazardous wastes will exceed the allowed ninety days are shown by location in Table 1.

Table 1. Affected <90-day Storage Areas

Location	Storage Start Date	Date 90-day Storage Exceeded
TA-16-387 Flash Pad	April 1, 1996	June 29, 1996
TA-16-401 Pressure Vessel	May 8, 1996	August 5, 1996
TA-16-406 Pressure Vessel	May 8, 1996	August 5, 1996
TA-16-90 Process Bldg.	April 15, 1996	July 14, 1996



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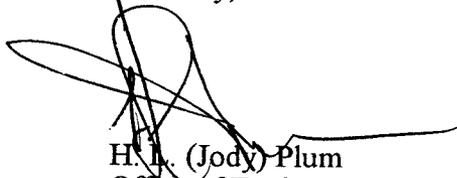
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Please note that if extreme fire danger conditions persist, LANL may need to discuss other options with your staff.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. L. (Jody) Plum", written over a circular stamp or mark.

H. L. (Jody) Plum
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