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H.L. "Jody" Plum
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Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

Dear Mr. Plum:

RE: Request for extension to 90 day storage limit at TA-9

The New Mexico Environment (NMED) has received your June 24, 1996 letter requesting an extension to the ninety (90) day accumulation time limit for High Explosives (HE) wastes being stored in TA-9 and to be open burned at the TA-16 and TA-14 Burning Ground. A thirty (30) day extension is allowed under 20 NMAC 4.1.300, which incorporates federal regulation 40 CFR §262.34(b), provided that the extension is necessary due to unforeseen, temporary and uncontrollable circumstances. Based on the information provided in your letter, NMED is granting Los Alamos National Laboratory a thirty (30) day extension for storage of the subject wastes.

Please be reminded that the regulations do not provide for an additional extension. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (505) 827-1558.

Sincerely,

James E. Seubert
RCRA Inspection/Enforcement Acting Program Manager
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