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Dear Dr. Dinwiddie and Mr. Maggiore:

Subject: Follow-up to the April 1998 Monthly Meeting Discussing the Necessity of Listing the Names, Addresses, and Telephone Numbers of All Emergency Coordinators

The purpose of this letter is to formalize the position we agreed to at the April 1998 monthly meeting. This position concerned the inclusion of the name, address and telephone number of each of the emergency response coordinators as required by both the State hazardous waste regulations and the State solid waste regulations. As Mr. Vantiem of our Emergency Response Program explained, the most expeditious way of getting in touch with the person "on-call" for emergency response is to contact the 24-hour emergency line at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The individual who answers will always know who is "on-call" and how to reach them immediately.

If all a person has is a list of names, conceivably that person would have to make numerous calls to get to the individual "on-call." Additionally, the person "on-call" may not be at his/her domicile. The schedule for the person "on-call" also changes based on conditions, vacations, sick and maternity leave, etc.

As a solution to this situation, we all agreed the permits would contain a name, address, and telephone number for George Vantiem, the head of the program, along with the 24-hour number. This would hold true for both the hazardous and solid waste permits, since their requirements are identical. In our upcoming applications, we will approach this requirement as set forth above.

If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,

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