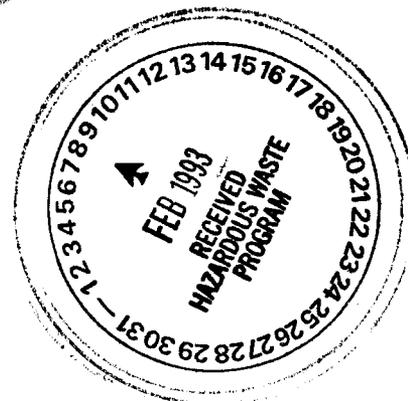




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Mr. William K. Honker, Chief  
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act  
Permits Branch  
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Dear Mr. Honker:

As you are aware, my staff and our contractor, the University of California at Los Alamos, have been working on a Permit Modification Request to Module VIII of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Operating Permit. In your letter of December 30, 1992, received on January 5, 1993, you asked for a response within 30 days. I am requesting an eleven-day extension until February 16, 1992, to submit the modification package.

In discussions with your staff, it was made clear that a separate modification for deleting duplicates and RCRA-regulated units was still expected. We will continue to work on that modification package and will provide it to you by March 19, 1993.

In our response to your Notice of Deficiency (NOD) on Operable Unit (OU) 1078, we stated we would provide the Phase I Report to you in January. Due to the scope of work necessary to characterize the area being greater than originally anticipated, and due to unscheduled field work at the Los Alamos Inn, this report was delayed. We request a 45-day extension and will provide this report by March 15, 1993.

In our response to your NOD on ~~OU 1079~~, we also committed to provide in January a revised Chapter 5 for Technical Area (TA) 10, Bayo Canyon Sampling. Due to extensive changes in the estimates for field sampling versus removal actions (VMAX is not cost effective), this sampling plan is being extensively rewritten and will be submitted to you by March 15, 1993.

The accelerated sampling and remediation plan for the Mercury Solid Waste Management Unit in TA-3 has received final comments from the New Mexico Environment Department's Water Protection Division and we are incorporating those comments. A copy will be sent to you by February 28, 1993.



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If you have any questions, please call Steve Slaten, of my staff, at FTS 8-505-665-5050.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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