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*Background letter*

Dear Ms. Sisneros:

In response to your letter of January 3, 1994, the Department of Energy (DOE) and the University of California (UC) have developed and provided the enclosed information.

1. Provided as Attachment I is an amended Closure Plan. It is identified in the Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Hazardous Waste Permit as E.8. It addresses the two remaining treatment tanks at the Technical Area (TA) 54, Area L location, after partial closure of two treatment tanks takes place. This amended closure plan covers the closure requirements for the remaining sub-units at this location.
2. An amended closure plan for the treatment tanks, E.8-a, which includes figure 7 of the modification package provided to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on April 1, 1993, proposing changes to DOE and UC's Hazardous Waste Permit, has been changed to reflect the partial closure of two treatment tanks. It is provided to illustrate which of the four treatment tanks will be taken out of service (see Attachment II). The two treatment tanks to be taken out of service are the ones located on the southeast and southwest side of the pad. A formal request to modify the permit to substitute E.8-a for the existing E.8 closure plan will be made once NMED accepts the partial closure of this sub-unit.
3. This submittal also contains the proposed modifications that will be required once the closure of the Batch Waste Treatment Unit (BWTU) is completed. These modifications include the deletion of Closure Plan E.2 for the BWTU and changes throughout the permit removing references to the BWTU (see Attachment III).

Once closure of the BWTU and partial closure of the treatment tanks is completed, a certification for these activities will be submitted to NMED. At that time, DOE and UC will submit a request to make the modifications described in number three (3) above.

