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Mr. Joseph C. Vozella, Chief
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RE: NMED Participation in Review of LANL's 1994 IWP Workplan

Dear Mr. Vozella:

During our May 1994 meeting with both Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) staff, we learned that DOE would begin the process of reviewing the draft version of the 1994 Installation Work Plan (IWP) in August of this year. I would like to propose that HRMB staff participate informally with DOE and LANL in the review of the preliminary draft in order to determine whether such cooperative review may decrease the time required for finalization of a document approvable by the EPA. Specifically, this proposal is as follows:

1. HRMB would review the draft IWP at LAAO's offices and provide informal comments to DOE/LANL.
2. HRMB's comments would not be considered binding upon NMED or DOE.
3. If an EPA representative or representatives cannot be directly involved in the draft review process, HRMB would involve EPA in its informal evaluation of technical issues toward the objective of finding consensus on such issues prior to release of the draft document for formal review by EPA.
4. Informal review comments provided by HRMB to DOE would not necessitate other than verbal or informal responses by DOE and NMED would not consider such responses to be binding upon DOE.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Bruce Swanton of my staff at (505) 672-0447.

Sincerely,


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