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Ms. Kathleen Sisneros
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Dear Ms. Sisneros:

I would like to thank you again for coming to the Laboratory and speaking to our Operations Working Group of the Laboratory Leadership Council. Your talk was excellent and I have received numerous positive comments from the senior managers and facility representatives that were at the meeting. The Laboratory would like to continue this type of dialog with you and other members of your staff.

In addition, I am taking this opportunity to thank you and your staff for taking the time to meet with the Laboratory as a follow-up to the annual RCRA compliance inspection. As per your suggestion, I and members of the ESH Division met with Colby Muckelroy, John Tynkowych, Jim Seubert and Frank Sanchez of your staff on Thursday, October 20, 1994.

I feel the meeting was very successful. It gave the Laboratory a chance to present information that might help clarify some of the apparent findings and areas of concern presented at the out-briefing by your staff on September 22, 1994. Additionally, it provided a vehicle to present programs being implemented by the Laboratory to improve its waste management activities. It also provided your staff with an opportunity to further clarify some of their findings as well as seek additional information on issues identified at the time of the inspection.

As I related to you and your staff, an image of being a significant non-complier or a repeat and recalcitrant facility is unacceptable to the Laboratory. I acknowledge this is totally a Laboratory problem and pledge to you that we are moving ahead with an absolute commitment to change this image. We will be coming back to you and your staff to keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for the opportunity of meeting with your staff. If any questions should arise please call me at (505) 667-4218.

Sincerely,



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