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Dear Mr. Piatt,

COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION, NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0028355

Enclosed is Los Alamos National Laboratory's response to the NPDES Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report, dated February 10, 1995. This inspection report was prepared by the Surface Water Quality Bureau, Point Source Regulation Section, of the New Mexico Environment Department. The Laboratory's response addresses corrective actions taken by the Laboratory in regard to deficiencies noted during the October 27-28, 1994 inspection. Many of these corrective actions were described in our preliminary response to the Compliance Evaluation Inspection dated December 14, 1994, which is attached.

The Laboratory is in disagreement with a number of the findings of the NMED Inspection Team and is providing additional information in support of our compliance efforts. I am hopeful that after reviewing this additional information provided by the Laboratory that the NMED Inspection Team will agree with our response and revise the Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report in order to more accurately reflect the Laboratory's compliance status with the NPDES Permit.

Please be assured that the Laboratory is taking all appropriate measures to correct deficiencies noted in the inspection report and to properly operate its treatment facilities in accordance with the conditions of the Laboratory's NPDES Permit and associated Administrative Order and Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement.

Please contact Mike Saladen of the Laboratory's Water Quality and Hydrology Group (ESH-18) at 665-6085 or Ken Zamora of DOE/LAAO's Office of the Environment and Projects at 665-5047 if any corrective actions in addition to those specified in the Laboratory's response are recommended by NMED. Representatives from DOE and the Laboratory's Water Quality and Hydrology Group would like to schedule a follow-up meeting with the NMED Inspection Team at their convenience to review the Laboratory's response and to document corrective actions if such is acceptable to your staff. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report.



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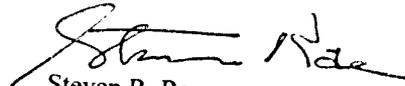
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