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Dear Mr. Vozella:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that during the expedited cleanup (EC) process, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) may use one Class 3 permit modification for both remedy selection and the deletion of sites that qualify for no further action, with the following qualifications:

1. There must be early consultation with the EPA and New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) before a formal request for Temporary Authorization or a Class 3 permit modification is submitted by LANL. This will allow the EPA and NMED to review the proposed ECs and resolve any major issues prior to initiation of the modification process.
2. It is critical that the first public meeting clearly describe the work to be performed; the proposed cleanup levels and how the attainment of those cleanup levels will be verified; the levels of any residual contamination to be left in-place and the risks associated with any residual contamination; and the streamlined Class 3 modification process which allows a site to be removed from the permit without any additional public notice. The meeting should actively solicit public comment on these issues.
3. The EPA and NMED will review comments received at the public meeting and during the 60-day public comment period, and may grant a temporary authorization (TA) at the conclusion of the 60-day comment period.



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Please contact Ms. Barbara Driscoll at (214) 665-7441 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely yours,



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