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February 28, 1997

Mr. G. Thomas Todd
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Dear Mr. Todd:

This letter is the Approval for the Class III Modification that adds container storage areas in Technical Areas 50 and 54 needed for completion of the Radioassay and Nondestructive Testing (RANT) and Waste Characterization, Reduction, and Repackaging Facility (WCRRF) as described in the Part B Application for this modification. This Class III Modification is approved in accordance with procedures set forth in the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20 NMAC 4.1, Revised November 1, 1995) Subpart IX § 901B, 40 CFR § 270.42. The effective date of the Modification Approval is February 28, 1997.

The Public Comment Period ended on February 21, 1997. Only one comment was received during the Public Comment Period by a private citizen and the concern expressed has been addressed without changes to the modification requested.

Should you or your staff have any questions concerning this closure plan contact Mr. Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie of my staff at the above address or by phone at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely

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cc: Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie, HRMB
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