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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Dear Dr. Kelley:

This letter constitutes the Department of Energy and the Regents of the University of California (Respondents) immediate response to Compliance Order HRM-97-02 (CO), transmitted from your office by way of letter dated March 24, 1997, and received by Respondents on March 25, 1997. The Schedule of Compliance in the CO directs Respondents to cease all operations identified in permit numbers NM0890010515-RDD1 and NM0890010515-RDD2, at the locations described in paragraphs 8, 9, and 11 of the CO, and to commence closure of the facilities identified in paragraphs 8, 9, and 11 under the requirements of the closure plans contained in permit numbers NM0890010515-RDD1 and NM0890010515-RDD2. Furthermore, the Schedule of Compliance states that Respondents must notify NMED within 24 hours that compliance with the Order has been achieved. During a telephone discussion this morning between James L. White (LANL), Jody Plum (LAAO), and Stuart Dinwiddie (NMED), LANL notified you of our intent to fully comply with the Order.

Respondents have ceased all operations identified in permits NM0890010515-RDD1 and NM0890010515-RDD2 at the locations identified in paragraphs 8, 9, and 11 of the CO. With this transmittal, Respondents are also notifying NMED of our intent to close the Packed-Bed-Reactor/Silent-Discharge-Plasma unit identified in NM0890010515-RDD1 and the Hydrothermal unit identified in NM0890010515-RDD2. Letters discussing the details of closure for both units will be sent to your office in the immediate future. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Jody Plum of my staff at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,


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