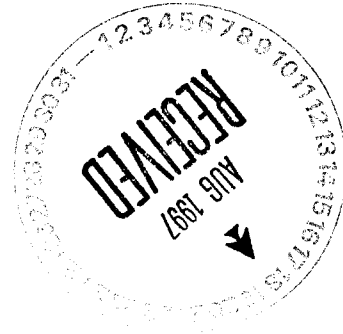




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### CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Dear Mr. Garcia:

Subject: Submittal of Required Closure Documentation for Compliance  
Order No. HRM-97-02

The purpose of this letter is to provide required closure documentation for Compliance Order No. HRM-97-02, issued on March 24, 1997. This compliance order requires Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to commence closure of two Research Development and Demonstration (RD&D) units under the requirements of the closure plans contained in their specific permits. LANL has worked closely with the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) staff to coordinate this effort. The following documents are enclosed:

1. The original signed certification statement from the proposed operator for the Packed-Bed Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma Treatment Unit (PBR/SDPTU) indicating that the unit was never completely assembled to meet the design specifications contained in Permit No. NM0890010515-RDD.
2. The "Closure Certification Report for the TA-9 Hydrothermal Processing Unit" with the closure certification by a registered professional engineer, and signed certification statements from proposed operators of the Hydrothermal Processing Treatment Unit (HPTU) included as appendices to the report.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed closure documentation, please contact me at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,

M. L. "Jody" Plum

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Enclosures

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PACKED BED REACTOR/  
SILENT DISCHARGE PLASMA TREATMENT UNIT  
CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify under oath and affirmation that I am personally familiar with the Research Development and Demonstration Permit for the Packed Bed Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma Treatment Unit (PBR/SDPTU) and was to be the person in charge of its operation, in the event that it operated. To the best of my knowledge, a PBR/SDPTU was never completely assembled to meet the specifications contained in the permit. Also, to the best of my knowledge, no hazardous waste has been treated in the PBR/SDPTU or has ever been stored in the associated ancillary storage unit. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting a false certification, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

John J. Coogan  
Printed Name

  
Signature

5/23/97  
Date