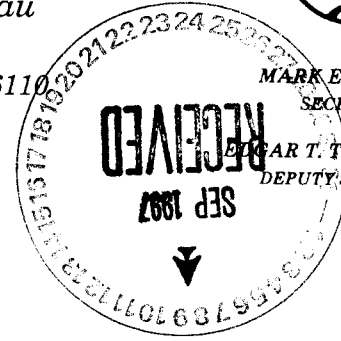




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September 5, 1997

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Attention: Cecilia Kernodle

Re: **Request for NPDES Inspections**

Dear Mr. Murphy:

This letter is to request EPA NPDES Storm Water inspections at the following facilities.

Facility:

Los Alamos National Laboratory - NM0028355.

Reason:

LANL has documented and reported to NMED over 688 sites designated under RCRA as either "Area of Concern" (AOC) or "Solid Waste Management Unit" (SWMU) that are either in or near a watercourse. They have reported over 2000 AOCs & SWMUs facility-wide. Storm water management at these sites and from day-to-day operations has been of great concern to the NMED for the past year. NMED has collected water quality samples from storm water events at the lab indicating concern about possible violations of applicable state water quality standards. The NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau is conducting an extensive RCRA compliance inspection at LANL. NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau sees an opportunity to: 1) conduct a multi-media inspection (if completed within 90 days of the RCRA inspection); 2) perform a joint federal-state NPDES compliance inspection which will facilitate consistency among state and federal NPDES storm water inspectors; and 3) address a serious storm water concern.



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Facility:

Albuquerque Sewage Treatment Facility - unpermitted for storm water
- NM0022250 for sanitary waste water only.

Reason:

This major facility has not (to our knowledge) been permitted for storm water and is also undergoing a large construction project. Note: the facility has also recently submitted several non-compliance reports for wastewater effluent limit violations.

Facility:

Actually requesting storm water inspections at a group of facilities owned or operated by Mr. Richard Cook in the vicinity of Española, NM.

Reason:

NMED has been receiving numerous citizen's complaints for these facilities. Facilities may adversely impact waters within Indian Pueblo lands. Activities may also involve work being done to fulfill federal contract obligations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-2827.

Sincerely,



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