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Mr. William Hathaway, Director
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Dear Mr. Hathaway:

Subject: Deletion of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
 No. NM0028576 - Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Fenton Hill Geothermal
 Site

LANL's Fenton Hill Geothermal Site was issued an NPDES Permit on October 15, 1979. The Fenton Hill NPDES Permit expired on June 30, 1983. In response to the June 30, 1983 expiration date, the U. S. Department of Energy/Los Alamos Area Office (DOE/LAAO) submitted an application to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for renewal of the NPDES Permit. In a letter dated January 13, 1993, EPA stated that LANL's NPDES Permit Re-application was complete. However, the EPA did not issue LANL a new NPDES Permit. As a result, the conditions of the expired NPDES Permit were administratively continued pursuant to 40 CFR 122.6.

LANL's Fenton Hill Geothermal Site Project is no longer in operation, and LANL's Discharge Monitoring Reports have documented that the facility has not discharged since June 1988. Personnel from the New Mexico Environment Department, DOE Oversight Bureau, have been on-site and have verified that the Fenton Hill Geothermal Site outfall is no longer in use. Based on this information, LANL requests that the EPA eliminate the Fenton Hill Geothermal Site NPDES Permit No. NM0028576.

Should you have any questions regarding this request for permit elimination, please contact Steven Rae of LANL's Water Quality and Hydrology Group (ESH-18) at (505) 665-1859; or Jody Plum, DOE/LAAO, at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,

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