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SUBJECT: Endorsement of LANL's Multi-Division Team for Outstanding Work Accomplished under the Laboratory's Outfall Reduction Program

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The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Department of Energy Oversight Bureau (DOE OB) has been following the Waste Stream Characterization and Corrections Project (WSC) and the Non-Point Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Outfall Reduction Program for the past several years. The DOE OB is very pleased with the accomplishments realized by these efforts. These outfall closures have had, and will continue to have, a very lasting and positive impact on the area's environment. Specific accomplishments recognized by our Bureau include:

- The deletion of 108 outfalls from 1993 to 1998, of which 56 have been deleted under the Outfall Reduction Program
- A major reduction of future liability for LANL under the Clean Water Act
- Reduced water consumption by LANL
- A major reduction to the transport of potential contaminants due to the elimination of NPDES permitted outfalls

Having been involved with the Laboratory and Environmental Restoration Project activities in particular, I am well aware of the day to day difficulties that this Multi-Division Team has gone through in order to delete these outfalls. In addition, our staff frequently comments on the efficiency and professionalism of this effort. For these reasons, the DOE OB would like to nominate this team for a well-deserved Distinguished Performance Award.

If additional information concerning this nomination is necessary, please do not hesitate to contact me at 672-0448.

Sincerely,

Steve Yanicak, LANL POC  
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