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Re: Waste Minimization/Pollution Prevention requirements for the General Part B Permit Application

Dear Mr. Gurule and Dr. Browne:

The RCRA Permits Management Program (RPMP) of the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) sent a letter to DOE/LANL dated October 15, 1998 which addressed waste minimization/pollution prevention requirements for the general part B permit application. The letter was not clear in providing guidance concerning the Green Zia Program for Environmental Excellence. For clarification the Green Zia Program for Environmental Excellence is not a requirement of the permit but an example of a voluntary program which would help LANL excel in waste minimization/pollution prevention. The regulatory requirements for waste minimization are found in 20 NMAC 4.1, 40 CFR 264.73 (b)(9) which allows the permittee to have a program in place which is economically practicable using a method which is currently available.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Mr. John Kieling, HRMB's LANL Facility Manager, at (505) 827-1558.

Sincerely,

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