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July 25, 2001

Governor Denny Guterrez  
Santa Clara Pueblo  
P.O. Box 580  
Española, New Mexico 87532

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED CLASS III PERMIT MODIFICATION**

Dear Governor Denny Guterrez:

Enclosed is a fact sheet regarding the New Mexico Environment Department's intent to approve a Class III modification to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit issued to the US Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/LANL), New Mexico, Permit No. NM0890010515.

The proposed modification will remove 7 solid waste management units (SWMUs) from the permit. The fact sheet provides additional information regarding this proposed modification, including identification of the SWMUs to be removed from the permit, the bases for their removal, repositories where the administrative record for this action can be reviewed, and procedures for submitting comments and requesting a Public Hearing. Comments and requests for Public Hearing will be received through **5 p.m. on September 10, 2001.**



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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Neelam Dhawan of my staff at (505) 428-2540.

Sincerely,

*Neelam Dhawan*

*Joy* John Young, Corrective Action Project Leader  
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Enclosure

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**FACT SHEET**

July 25, 2001

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION TO RCRA PERMIT NO. NM0890010515  
US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY/LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
NEW MEXICO**

**Action:** Approval, subject to public review and input, of a Class III permit modification to remove seven (7) solid waste management units (SWMUs) from a RCRA permit.  
**Permittee:** US Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/LANL), New Mexico

**Permit No.:** NM0890010515

**Reason for Action:**

The proposed modification will remove seven (7) SWMUs from Table A, Table B, and Table C of the permit. Tables A, B, and C list sites at LANL where Corrective Action to characterize and/or remediate past releases of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents may be necessary. On June 2000, DOE/LANL proposed nine SWMUs for no further action (NFA). At this time, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has identified seven sites as appropriate for NFA. The seven sites proposed for NFA in this action and justification for removal of these sites from LANL's permit are:

**The following SWMUs are approved for NFA because they cannot be located or have been shown not to exist:**

SWMU 02-008(b)	Inactive Outfall	TA-2 (Former Operable Unit 1098)
SWMU 15-012(a)	Operational Release	TA-15 (Former Operable Unit 1086)

**The following SWMU is approved for NFA because it was proven to have made no release to the environment:**

SWMU 15-009(j)	Former Septic System	TA-15 (Former Operable Unit 1086)
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**The following SWMUs are approved for NFA because they were characterized and/or remediated in accordance with current applicable state or federal regulations:**

SWMU 00-016	Former Small-arms Firing Range	TA-0 (Former Operable Unit 1071)
SWMU 06-003(g)	Former Detonation Site	TA-6 (Former Operable Unit 1111)

SWMU 15-012(b)	Former Wash Area for Explosive Devices	TA-15 (Former Operable Unit 1086)
SWMU 21-005	Former Nitric Acid Pit	TA-21 (Former Operable Unit 1106)

**Availability of Additional Information:**

A Statement of Basis has been prepared to provide additional information on site history, evaluation of relevant investigations, and basis for the decision to approve NFA status. The administrative record for this proposed action consists of this fact sheet, NMED's statement of basis, the public notice, the proposed revised Tables A, B, and C, and a summary of public involvement activities. The administrative record may be reviewed from Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the following locations:

New Mexico Environment Department  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Bldg. 1  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303  
(505) 428-2538  
Attn: Mr. John Young

Los Alamos National Laboratory Community Relations Reading Room  
1619 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545  
(505) 665-4400

To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, please contact Mr. John Young at the New Mexico Environment Department at the above address. Any person who wishes to comment on this permit modification or to request a public hearing should submit written comments/requests, along with the commentor's/requester's name and address, to John Young at the above address. Requests for hearing should include a statement of the nature of the issues proposed. Only comments/requests received by 5:00 p.m. on **September 10, 2001** will be accepted. NMED will provide a 30-day notice of the public hearing, if scheduled.

**Final Decision:**

All written comments received during the public notice period and issues raised at a Public Hearing, if held, will become part of the administrative record and will be considered in formulating the final decision. NMED may approve, modify and approve, or deny the requested permit modification based on the comments received. NMED will notify DOE/LANL and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period or testimony at a Public Hearing of the final decision, including any approved change to the proposed modification, and a detailed statement of reasons for any such change. The final decision will be made according to applicable State and Federal laws.