



Permit A

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Date: January 26, 2005
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Mr. John Kieling
RCRA Permits Management Program
Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
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SUBJECT: Request for Status on LANL Permit Submittals

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Late last calendar year 2004 LANL submitted a number of permit-related documents. These included:

- A copy of the LANL operating permit as amended by past modifications and other changes (dubbed the "Rainbow Permit") on 9/27/04
- A list of 18 Class 1 Permit modifications on 10/04/04
- A table illustrating the amendments to the "Rainbow Permit" on 11/04/04
- Two additional Class 1 Permit modifications on 11/17/04

LANL and NMED discussed the "Rainbow Permit" at a meeting on 10/25/04. I notified you at the meeting that LANL intends to submit a Class 2 permit modification for the LANL Contingency Plan, a Class 2 permit modification for the LANL Inspection Plan and a Class 3 permit modification for the Waste Analysis Plan. We currently expect to submit these permit modifications to NMED before 03/11/05.

When we discussed the permit modification package and the upcoming submittals, LANL proposed a meeting to discuss the changes after your staff had an opportunity to review them. LANL has requested a meeting for that purpose on several occasions. We are also very interested in meeting Carl Will's replacement. We would like the opportunity to discuss our permit, its future, the renewal and other salient issues surrounding the LANL permit with you and your staff. We want to work closely with your staff in maintaining the current permit and facilitating the permit renewal process.

The status of the permit is important with respect to the upcoming RCRA inspection at LANL. In initial discussions with the head of your enforcement team, he informed us that he would include a permitting person as part of the team. LANL wishes to avoid any

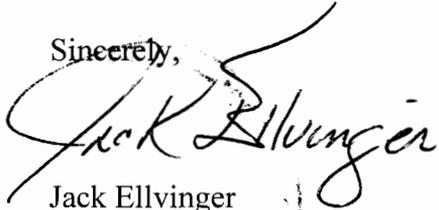


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ambiguities over the permit, its status and what it does or does not contain during the annual inspection by NMED. For those reasons we request a meeting in the near future.

We are available and look forward to meeting with you and your staff on these issues. Please inform us of a date and time that it is convenient to set up a meeting.

Sincerely,



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Solid Waste Regulatory Compliance

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