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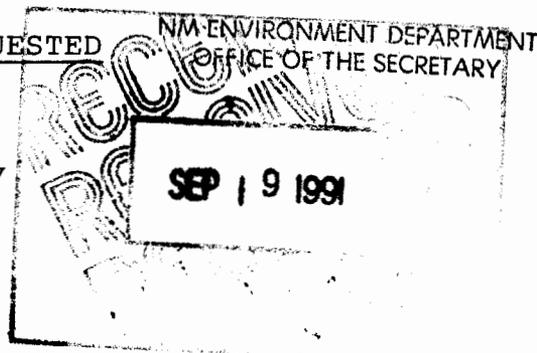
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Mr. William K. Honker, Chief  
Hazardous Waste Permits Branch  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region VI  
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Dear Mr. Honker:

During a record search of Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Engineering Archives and subsequent field investigations, four new Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) were discovered. All of the new units are septic tanks and their associated piping. These septic tanks are all located in the Los Alamos Town Site (TA-0). They are believed to have received waste from Laboratory buildings that were in operation during the 1940's and the 1950's.

The Department of Energy (DOE) has reviewed LANL's SWMU report, and interviewed members of the Environmental Restoration Program Office (HSE-13) as well as members of the Environmental Protection Group (HSE-8). Upon completion of the above sequence of activities, DOE concurs that these septic systems and their ancillary equipment are in fact new SWMUs. As required by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) provisions of our Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit, we are submitting our 15-day written notification of these discoveries to your office. The unit locations and their newly assigned SWMU numbers are listed below.

<u>SWMU Number</u>	<u>Location</u>
0-3-(n)	Intersection of Canyon Road and 15th Street
0-30(o)	Intersection of Canyon Road and Rim Road
0-30(p)	East end of Rim Road
0-30(q)	East end of Rose Street

We believe that the levels of contaminants that would be related to these SWMUs pose no immediate threat to human health or the environment. At this time, the size of the tanks is unknown. They will be further investigated during the



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Mr. William K. Honker

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Corrective Action Process. The submittal date for the RCRA Facility Investigation Work Plans for TA-0 is May 1992.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Slaten of my staff at (505) 665-5050.

Sincerely,

  
for Jerry L. Bellows  
Area Manager

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