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Dear Mr. Bellows,

This letter is to summarize the January 7, 1993 meeting held at Los Alamos with personnel from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Doe Oversight Program, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), and the Department of Energy Los Alamos Area Office (LAAO) to discuss LANL's response to the NMED's comments on the OU 1071 RFI Work Plan. It is understood that the initial response that we received were draft and that LANL's final response will appear in a final draft to be submitted to the NMED. The final draft will also serve as a summary of decisions made by attendees at the meeting. The issue of statistical approaches to site investigation (e.g. statistical determination of adequate sample numbers) was left unresolved at the meeting. In the NMED's initial comments to DOE/LANL, peer-reviewed journal articles were requested as support for the statistical approaches proposed in the OU 1071 RFI Work Plan. These were received and are being reviewed. Of concern is the multiplicity of statistical approaches proposed in the Work Plans reviewed to date by the NMED. As a means of resolving this issue, we are proposing that DOE work with NMED and EPA in deciding upon a single system of statistical tools to be employed at all sites within New Mexico. We suggest that a course/workshop be set up to train people who will be working with or evaluating the statistical approaches finally selected.



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