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Subject: Status of Septic Tank 0-030(g) Voluntary Corrective Action

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This memo summarizes recent events related to the removal of an inactive septic tank in the Townsite area. During removal of septic systems, it is standard procedure to conduct radiation and organic vapor field screening and to sample any sludges and/or stained areas that may be present. Screening and confirmation sampling at septic tank 0-030(g) showed elevated levels of uranium, plutonium, mercury, and lead. The "routine" tank removal has turned into a large-scale site assessment. To date, 277 drums of material have been removed and are sitting on site. The material is currently being characterized to determine if it is RCRA mixed waste or low-level radioactive waste (LLRW). This is a key issue in that there is very limited storage capacity for mixed waste at LANL, but LLRW disposal capacity is not an issue. The landowner is very anxious, and patient so far, to have the drums removed from his land.

If you have any questions, call me at 665-7124.

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