

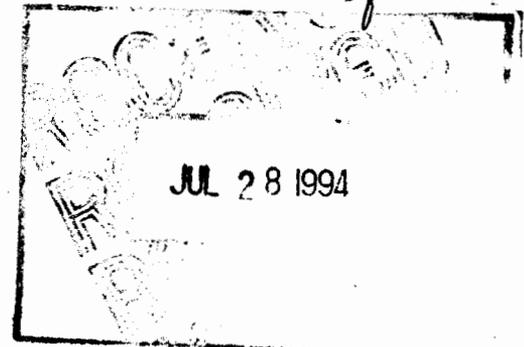


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Mr. Theodore J. Taylor
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Re: Notification of New SWMUs and Areas of Concern
Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your letter dated July 5, 1994 which includes a notification of two new solid waste management units and six areas of concern (AOC). The site of the former diesel underground storage tank (UST), SWMU 0-040 and four of the six AOCs do not need to be added to the permit (C-0-036(a-d)).

LANL shall provide additional information on the two AOC, C-0-037 and C-0-038 by August 19, 1994 as a determination cannot be made on whether or not these units are SWMUs from the information presented. These areas appear to have been used as landfills, and the potential exists for the disposal of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents in the units. EPA recommends that the AOCs be identified by a sign or fenced, especially the areas near the Juniper campground in Bandalier National Monument.

The site of the two USTs which stored solvent and have leaked, SWMU 0-039, should be considered already added into the permit via a Class I modification by this letter. A work plan to address the sampling and analysis for this unit should be delivered to EPA within ninety (90) days of receipt of this letter. Even though Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is working with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) UST Bureau on this site, the work plan and remediation levels if proposed should meet the requirements defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit, and be approved by EPA.



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Should you have any questions, please contact Barbara Driscoll at (214) 655-7441. After August 1, 1994, Barbara's number will be changed to (214) 665-7441.

Sincerely,



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