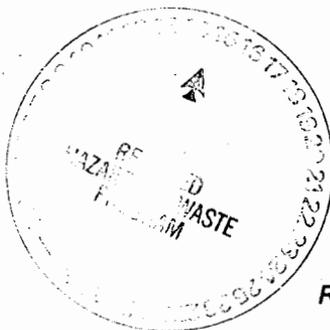


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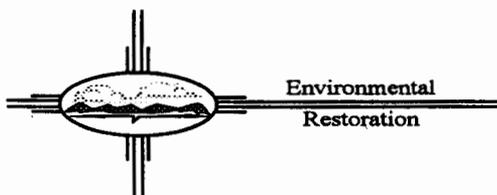
## SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF BERM MATERIAL TO ACTIVE FIRING RANGE

Dear Dr. Kelley:

We would like to thank you and your staff on behalf of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (Laboratory) for viewing the Inactive Firing Range [Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 0-016] and the Active Firing Range (SWMU 72-001) on December 2, 1995. The Laboratory agrees with the New Mexico Environment Department's suggestion that backstop material from the Inactive Firing Range only be used to form distinct berms and backstops at the Active Firing Range to avoid any mixing of the berm and backstop materials.

Two questions which were raised while you were here were not completely resolved when you departed. We have since verified the following:

- All berm and backstop material was not moved from its original location when soil washing activities commenced. The side berms were added to the main backstop berm; and
- The spoils from the two ponds were used for site construction (e.g., berms) for the soil washing activities.



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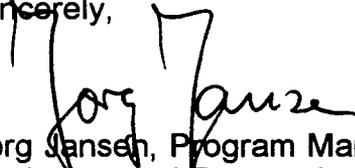
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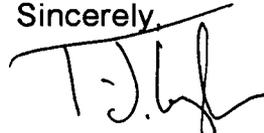
It is our understanding that after the site visit to the Inactive Firing Range Site (SWMU 0-016), you and your staff considered the sampling conducted to be representative of the material at the site. We do not believe any additional sampling is necessary to characterize the remaining soil.

If you have any further questions or require any clarification on our planned activities, please do not hesitate to call Dave McInroy or Bonnie Koch of our staffs, they can be reached at (505) 667-0819 or 665-7202, respectively.

Sincerely,

  
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