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Mr. Robert Beaver, President
Sierra Rock, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Beaver:

Thank you for your letter and video tape of January 18, 1996. We understand that your company, Sierra Rock, Inc., entered into a contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to treat lead-contaminated soil at an inactive firing range at the Guaje Pines Cemetery and that you are concerned about how LANL is managing this material.

We previously addressed the issues you have raised in a letter to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on October 19, 1995. (Please see Enclosure). In our letter we recommended that NMED deny LANL's request to move lead-contaminated soil from the Guaje Pines firing range to an active firing range on site.

The State of New Mexico is fully authorized to carry out the Federal RCRA program through NMED's Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau. We have and will continue to work with the State of New Mexico in resolving this matter. In addition, we have notified DOE/LANL of your concerns, and we will continue to monitor this situation closely.

We fully expect a successful resolution to this issue in the near future. In the meantime, if you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Dr. Joel M. Dougherty of my RCRA enforcement staff at (214) 665-2281.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Coleman, P.E.
Director
Compliance Assurance &
Enforcement Division

Enclosure



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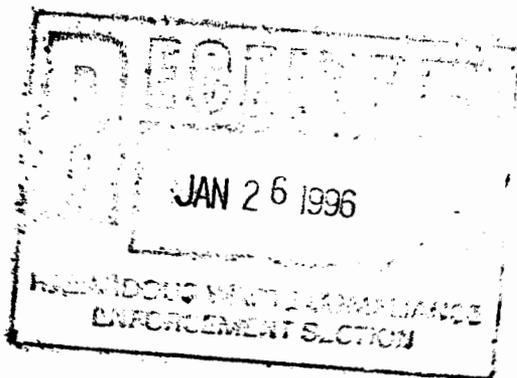
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COMMENTS: Bob, Here's the copy of the letter we sent to your Nevada address.
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