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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
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RE: Review of LANL Response to the NOD of RCRA RFI Report for
PRSS 0-028 (a, b) in TA-0, EPA I.D. No. NM0890010515

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed Response to the NOD, dated April 18, 1997, concerning Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) RCRA RFI Report for Potential Release Sites (PRSS) 0-028(a, b) located in Technical Area 0 and considers the Response to be deficient. Enclosed are the deficiencies for your review.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Allen T. Chang of my staff at (214) 665-7541.

Sincerely yours,

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NOD COMMENTS PERTAINING TO LANL NOD RESPONSE TO
THE FRI REPORT FOR PRSs 0-028(a, b)

EPA Comment Regarding LANL Response No.1:

Of each of those three core holes (Core Holes Nos. 00 - 04754, -04764 and -04765), only one soil sample was collected because the soil depth to the tuff contact was very shallow. However, contaminants could migrate beyond the tuff through fracture flow in the tuff. To ensure no contaminants migrate beyond the tuff, LANL shall sample these locations to 3 ft deep from surface.