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**RE: Administrative Review and Rejection of RFI Report for Potential Release Sites 0-030(b), 0-004, 0-010(b), and 0-033(b) 6th Street Warehouses dated May 1996
Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Taylor and Dr. Brown:

The RCRA Permits Management Program (RPMP) of the New Mexico Environment Department's Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau has reviewed the RFI Report for the Potential Release Sites 0-030(b), 0-004, 0-010(b), and 0-033(b) (referenced by LA-UR-96-1749 and EM/ER:96-312). RPMP rejects this document due, in part, to the information listed in Attachment A.

The Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/LANL) should respond to the rejection of this document by revising and resubmitting this document for review and approval. RPMP is open to discussing this rejection letter and its contents upon request. However, DOE/LANL should realize that this rejection letter is based on items previously discussed in DOE/LANL/RPMP cooperative forums.



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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Mr. John Kieling, RPMP's LANL Facility Manager, at (505) 827-1558.

Sincerely,



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Track: LANL, 12/8/97, NA, DOE/LANL, HRMB/jry, RE, file

ATTACHMENT A

Basis for Rejection of RFI Report for Potential Release Sites 0-030(b), 0-004, 0-010(b), 0-033(b) 6th Street Warehouses dated, May 1996

The following potential release sites were presented in this document: 0-030(b), 0-004, 0-010(b), and 0-033(b)

BASIS FOR REJECTION:

1. LANL failed to provide a comprehensive data summary which included non-detectable concentrations. For example, PRS 0-004 Table D-4 (p. D-28) does not include constituents with concentrations below background concentrations.
2. LANL failed to include detection limits and/or screening action levels as part of this document.
3. LANL proposed no further action based on the inability to find the excavation by visual inspection at PRS 0-010(b).
4. LANL failed to perform proper risk screening: [The Multiple Chemical Evaluation (MCE) was used for Human Health Screening Assessments at PRSs 0-030(b), 0-004, 0-010(b), and 0-033(b)]
5. LANL failed to determine the extent of contamination: [PRS 0-030(b), LANL did not sample below the abandoned outfall or in the subsurface below the base of the leach field (indicated by gravel found in trenches); PRS 0-004, copper, lead, and nickel concentrations increase (above SALs) from sample locations 00-04221 to 00-04225; 0-033(b), although decreasing, the copper, lead, nickel and zinc concentrations are still above background UTLs; PRS 0-010(b), no sampling was accomplished in support of LANLs conclusion that the excavation never existed]
6. LANL failed to adhere to the approved RFI Workplan: [Three deviations (no soil survey or core samples were accomplished) to the 1071 Workplan are documented in this RFI Report, no approval for these deviations were acquired by LANL from HRMB or EPA]