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State of New Mexico  
Hazardous & Radioactive Waste Remediation Bureau  
ATTN: Mr. Benito Garcia

Re: Old Catholic Church Site  
3200 Canyon Road  
Los Alamos, New Mexico  
RFI Report for Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU)  
0-030(9)

Dear Mr. Garcia:

In a recent Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, they requested proposals from the private sector to provide 200-plus housing units or apartments for student interns and visiting scientists and a requirement that the units be ready for occupancy in April of 1999.

Recent surveys have shown that one of the major problems the Laboratory has in Los Alamos is the ability to attract and maintain bright, young people in the scientific community. The major contributing factor for this is the lack of housing and, of course, the major contributing factor for the lack of housing is the lack of land on which to build housing.

Both the laboratory and Los Alamos County officials have recognized the fact that if this problem is not solved promptly, the success and future of the lab and the community are in jeopardy.

As a result, there is a sense of urgency to have this housing become available as soon as possible.

The above-referenced site is one of the targeted sites for the housing units. This site had some remediation work done by the laboratory and the Department of Energy several years ago and submitted herewith is a copy of a letter from the University of California and U. S. Department of Energy, along with the RFI report.

Housing Solutions responded to the Lab's RFP and the Lab is currently reviewing and in the process of accepting our proposal. In order for our lending institution to proceed with a commitment for the financing of the project, we need an immediate response from your Bureau accepting and certifying the conclusions of the University of California and Department of Energy that the site is now free and clear of all toxic

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waste. In order for the project to be completed timely, we need to have this commitment in hand within the next ten days ~~from~~ our lending institution and, of course, the only way that we can satisfy the lender is to have your certification in hand.

I would very much appreciate it if you would give your approval and certification within ten days.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please call me at 986-1717, or Don Tishman at 983-9316, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Peck".

Richard Peck  
Vice President - Construction