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Subject: CEMETERY TRACT LAND EXCHANGE - DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LOS ALAMOS  
NATIONAL LABORATORY, SEPTEMBER 1997, LA-UR-97-2745, VCA REPORT  
FOR PRS 0-016, TA-0 (FORMER OU 1071)

Dear Mr. Garcia:

In a letter dated October 17, 1997 the Department of Energy Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/LAAO) submitted a copy of Voluntary Corrective Action (VCA Report) For Potential Release Site (PRS) 0-016. In that letter the DOE/LAAO stated, "The Los Alamos National Laboratory has completed all remedial activities specified in the Voluntary Corrective Action (VCA) Plan for Potential Release Site (PRS) 0-016, which is located on United States Forest Service (USFS) property near the Guaje Pines Cemetery in Los Alamos."

The letter also stated "Additionally, we would like to request that the New Mexico Environment Department expedite their review of the Report to aid the USFS in a land exchange associated with PRS 0-016. The land exchange has been significantly delayed by the need to initiate and complete remedial activities at the site." Recently the private party involved with the land exchange requested that the Forest Service inquire as to the status of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) review of the VCA Report.

For your information the land exchange was completed in September of 1991. Due to the issues related to cleanup of the old DOE/LAAO Pistol Range site, 25 acres in the center of the property was withheld pending cleanup. This has required the developer to work "around" the site until it can be transferred. A 25 acre parcel of private land the Forest Service will acquire has also been withheld. The Forest Service cannot complete the transfer until the remedial work has been accepted by NMED. The private party has been very patient throughout the process. The private party needs the transfer to be completed so he can more efficiently complete the development of the parcel. The Forest Service is currently working on a management plan including the lands surrounding the private tract we will acquire when the exchange is complete. Completion of the land transfer would have immediate benefits to the private developer, the Forest Service, as well as the public.



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I would appreciate it if the New Mexico Environment Department could expedite their review of the VCA Report. This would allow the Forest Service to complete the land transfer if as indicated in the report, "cleanup levels specified in the VCA Plan have been achieved by the remedial activities at PRS 0-016" and are acceptable to the New Mexico Environment Department.

If you have any question regarding the above please call Robert Remillard at (505) 667-5120.

Sincerely

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