

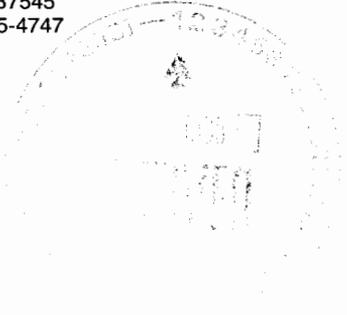


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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO AUGUST 3, 1998 CLARIFICATION OF TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NOD FOR THE VCA COMPLETION REPORT FOR PRS 0-030(L), 0-030(M), AND 0-033(A)

Dear Dr. Dinwiddie:

In response to your August 3, 1998 clarification of time requirements for the notice of deficiency (NOD) for the Voluntary Corrective Action (VCA) Completion Report for PRSs 0-030(l), 0-030(m), 0-033(a), Los Alamos National Laboratory provides the following information. Several deficiencies have been identified with the submitted VCA report including background evaluations, analytical deficiencies, insufficient sampling, and risk assessment methodology. As you know, the reviewed report was submitted November 19, 1997, prior to the development of the references cited in General Comments 1, 2, 3, and 4. This recurring deficiency, cited in a majority of requests for supplementary information and NODs, raises concerns regarding the ability of approval for reports generated prior to 1998, even when these reports were generated in accordance with applicable standards at the time they were written. However, the Laboratory will develop a sampling and analysis plan (SAP) which incorporates New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) comments. The Laboratory will work closely with NMED during the development of the SAP to ensure that all NMED concerns have been addressed. The SAP will be generated prior to September 2001. The Laboratory also welcomes NMED involvement in the development of future baseline priorities for Environmental Restoration Projects.

If you have any questions regarding this effort, or require additional information, please contact Joe Mose at 667-5808 or Dave McInroy at 667-0819.

Sincerely,

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