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September 22, 1999

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RE: Approval and Concerns
Response to Rejection of 00-016 VCA Report and the
Revised 00-016 VCA Completion Report
Los Alamos National Laboratory
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Dear Dr. Browne and Mr. Taylor:

The New Mexico Environment Department's Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) has reviewed and approves the Response to the Rejection of 00-016 VCA Report (dated November 19, 1998 and referenced by EM/ER:98-453¹) and revised 00-016 VCA Completion Report (LA-UR-97-2745). However, HRMB's review identified two outstanding issues that require resolution.

The potential migration of contaminants present at 00-016 prior to remediation and those remaining post-remediation into Rendija Canyon is a concern. This reach of the canyon should be included in the Canyons Focus Area investigations to be conducted in the future.

The other concern is related to the off-site transport and disposition of soils contaminated with less than 400 parts per million of lead. It is HRMB's understanding that these contaminated soils were utilized in the regrading and widening of Range Road between Aspen and Diamond Drives

¹The footer of the Response to the Rejection also references EM/ER: 97-423.



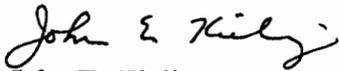
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and may have been deposited in a watercourse. Although these soils meet EPA-designated human health risk levels, they may pose an excessive risk to the ecological health of the watercourse and terrestrial environments.

HRMB requests that these two issues be scheduled and opened for discussion at the next available ER Monthly Meeting. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (505) 827-1558 x1012.

Sincerely,



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