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RE: Solid Waste Management Unit 00-016 Concerns

Dear Mr. Atencio:

This letter is in response to your request for written documentation of the New Mexico Environment Department's Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau's (HRMB) concurrence on two issues regarding solid waste management unit (SWMU) 00-016. On September 22, 1999, HRMB approved the Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory's (DOE/LANL) Voluntary Corrective Action (VCA) Report for the above-mentioned SWMU. In its approval letter, HRMB identified two concerns related to the VCA which required additional DOE/LANL action.

HRMB believes that the actions taken to date and the approach outlined in DOE/LANL's November 1, 1999 response (referenced by E/ER:99-318) are appropriate to allay the concerns HRMB has with the conditions at SWMU 00-016. Specifically, DOE/LANL has agreed to include the potentially affected surface water reach into the Canyons Focus Area investigations and has worked with both the DOE Oversight and Surface Water Quality Bureaus to resolve any outstanding issues regarding the off-site transport and disposition of potentially contaminated soils.



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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (505) 827-1567 or Mr. John Kieling at (505) 827-1558 x1012.

Sincerely,



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