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National Nuclear Security Administration
Los Alamos Site Office
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

Land Transfer



Mr. James Bearzi, Chief
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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

In a letter dated October 25, 2005 the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) informed the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Los Alamos Site Office (LASO) that NMED withdrew the determination that corrective measures on Land Conveyance and Transfer Tract A-8 were protective of human health and the environment. Tract A-8 was scheduled for transfer to the Los Alamos County School Board (School Board) in early Calendar Year (CY) 2006.

Discussions have occurred between LASO, the incorporated County of Los Alamos (County), and the school board to provide a solution to NMED concerns and allow the transfer of a portion of Tract A-8 to the School Board. The intended use of Tract A-8 may include commercial/industrial and possibly residential development. The School Board and County had anticipated marketing A-8 for development in CY 2006.

LASO is proposing to divide Tract A-8 into two separate tracts; Tract A-8a and A-8b (see enclosure). Tract A-8b would extend 350 feet to the west of Material Disposal Area (MDA) B and from DP Road south to the canyon top. Tract A-8a would incorporate the remaining area of the original Tract A-8.

Tract A-8b will be investigated to satisfy NMED concerns as part of the investigative drilling program at the conclusion of the MDA B trenching. Upon NMED concurrence, LASO would proceed with the transfer of Tract A-8a to the School Board.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Vicki Loucks or Mr. Lance Woodworth of my staff at (505) 667-6819 or (505) 665-5820, respectively.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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