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SUBJECT: Risk Assessment Review of Los Alamos RCRA Facility Investigation for Operable Unit 1078 Mesa Top Sampling

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Attached is a copy of the RCRA Facility Investigation for Operable Unit 1078 Mesa Top Sampling Plan For FY93 for which we would like a review by a member of your risk assessment staff. Los Alamos is proposing a risk assessment approach to sampling areas of the townsite, some of which have been previously remediated for radioactive contamination. We are interested in knowing the answers to the following questions:

1. Is it an acceptable risk assessment approach to composite clean fill with potentially contaminated areas to determine if there is a risk?
2. Is the compositing approach discussed for surface soils protective of human health?
3. Does your staff know if this risk assessment approach has been used at other facilities? Has the approach been approved by EPA?

We would like the review completed by April 9, 1993. However if there is some preliminary information available by March 31, 1993, please contact us as we are meeting to discuss some aspects of the work plan with Los Alamos on April 1. Please return the maps included in the attached copy.

Should you have any questions, please contact Barbara Driscoll at x7441.

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