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Los Alamos Area Office
Albuquerque Operations Office
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

DATE: FEB 09 1994

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: LESH:7SS-105

SUBJECT: Operable Unit 1078: EPA Approval of 24 No Further Action (NFA) Proposals and RFI Work Plan for D Building and Hillside 138 and 140

TO: Robert W. Vocke, Acting Program Manager, EM-13, LANL, MS-M992

Attached are two letters from Allyn Davis, Director of the Hazardous Waste Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6, giving approvals for Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation (RFI) Work Plan addendum items submitted for review in the later part of 1993.

The first letter, dated January 28, 1994, gives approval for the package of 24 NFA proposals that was submitted in November 1993. At an appropriate time, LANL may prepare a request for a Class III permit modification to remove these Solid Waste Management Units from the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments permit. The request should be submitted to EPA through LAAO.

The second letter, dated February 1, 1994, gives approval to the RFI Work Plan for D Building and Hillside 138 and 140, that was submitted in December 1993. As indicated in the letter, sampling activities for these sites should be initiated immediately. In addition, please make note of EPA's comments with respect to the requested discussion of FY 1992 sampling data for inclusion in the RFI report. Also, in the second paragraph of their letter, EPA strongly recommends posting or fencing of areas open to the public. Please assess this recommendation with respect to Hillside 138 and 140, and provide a briefing to this office by February 17, 1994.

Should you have any questions or comments, please call Steve Slaten, ES&H, LAAO, at 665-5050.

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Attachments

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JAN 28 1994

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Re: 24 No Further Action Proposals
Los Alamos National Laboratory
NM0890010515

Dear Mr. Vozella:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the document dated November 2, 1994³⁰ which contains 24 No Further Action (NFA) proposals for 24 Solid Waste Management Units at Operable Unit (OU) 1078. Contingent on approval from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) may request a Class III permit modification to remove those SWMUs which are currently in the HSWA permit. Los Alamos does not need to add to the HSWA permit those SWMUs which are currently not in the permit.

Even though several of these units, such as 1-007(h) and 1-006(m), should not have been identified as SWMUs, LANL may want to continue an investigation under the Environmental Restoration program to address any potential residual radiation. Should you have any questions, please contact Barbara Driscoll at (214) 655-7441.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.K. Honker".

William K. Honker, P.E.
Chief
RCRA Permits Branch (6H-P)

cc: Benito Garcia, NMED
Robert Vocke, LANL, EM-13