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Mr. Joseph Vozella
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Los Alamos Area Office
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Dear Mr. Vozella:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your August 14, 1995, request for Temporary Authorization to conduct Expedited Cleanups (ECs) at the following solid waste management units (SWMUs): 22-015(c), 18-003(e), 39-002(a), 36-003(a), 3-056(c) and 9-013 (Surface Disposal Area M). EPA is denying your request for a Temporary Authorization as the Class 3 permit modification submitted on June 2, 1995, does not meet the remedy selection criteria listed under 40 CFR §264.525 (d).

EPA specifies the concentrations of levels of hazardous constituents in ground water, surface water, air or soils that each remedy must achieve. EPA uses 1×10^{-6} as the point of departure in establishing the concentration levels for a cleanup. For any cleanup concentration which does not meet this standard, it must be demonstrated that it is protective of human health and the environment as the 1×10^{-6} level. A cleanup level other than 1×10^{-6} may be justified following an evaluation of the remedy selection criteria under 40 CFR §264.525.

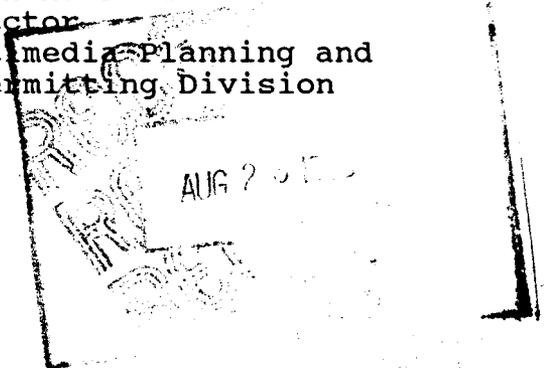
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Barbara Driscoll at (214) 665-7441.

Sincerely yours,

Allyn M. Davis

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