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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
Hazardous and Radioactive
Materials Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
2044A Galisteo Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Re: Approval Letter for the RFI Report for SWMU 3-010(a)
Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)**

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed and approves Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) RFI Report for Solid Waste Management Unit 3-010(a). The approved RFI Report consists of the RFI Report dated April 28, 1995, and the NOD Response dated February 8, 1996, with the clarification noted in the next paragraph. The EPA concurs with the recommendation of no further action in regards to human health concerns. Further evaluation of this site may be warranted via an ecological risk assessment, once that approach is resolved between LANL, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and EPA. The NMED may wish to evaluate requiring additional monitoring of the limited perched aquifer at this site.

In addition, EPA wants to clarify a comment made by LANL in deficiency 3A of the NOD Response. The EPA's comment at the October 18, 1996, meeting indicated that reports currently drafted did not have to be rewritten; however, LANL still needed to compare the recalculated upper tolerance limits (UTL) with the results from any site investigations. If the comparison indicated a change in the chemicals of potential concern, then those adjustments in any risk assessments or decisions would need to be indicated in the cover letters to those reports which were affected. In other words, while LANL did not have to rewrite the almost completed reports, LANL still needed to tabulate any differences using the recalculated UTLs, and address these differences in the report cover letters.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact
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Sincerely,


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