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**Subject:** LANL SWMU 3-056(c): NOD Response and NMED Surface Water Bureau

Dear Ms. Roberts,

Jody Plum, DOE Los Alamos, is gone from the office until August 12. During his absence he has given me permission to correspond with you on LANL ER issues for PCBs. I am therefore writing you to discuss SWMU 3-056(c).

In late June, I spoke briefly with Barbara Driscoll about the review of the NOD Response for this unit sent to you and NMED HRMB/NMED Surface Water Bureau on May 2, 1996. Barbara indicated that you would not have time to review this document until after July 15, 1996. The NOD Response re-proposed a 10 ppm cleanup level. On June 25, the NMED Surface Water Bureau came to LANL to discuss this site and other ER units located in watercourses. During discussions relating specifically to 3-056(c) Jim Platt and Glenn Saums of that bureau indicated verbally that a cleanup level of 10 ppm would be acceptable to them if 1) engineered stabilization (e.g., "cap") is constructed on top of the unit and 2) runoff from the unit shows no PCBs migrating into the drainage (a monitoring level of between 0.5 ppb and 0.014 ppb is being discussed and has not been arrived at; discussions must include yourself of course).

I wanted to give you the above information because 1) it could impact your review of the NOD Response and 2) you and Glenn Saums may want to speak personally during your review of the NOD Response.

If you have any questions during your review of the NOD Response please do not hesitate to call me. We hope to again arrange a teleconference between yourself, Glenn Saums, and a representative from NMED HRMB, particularly if you have questions during your review of the NOD Response.

Also, just to remind you, Ron Kern of HRMB had said that NMED HRMB would probably be in agreement with a cleanup level that NMED SW Bureau finds acceptable; the watercourse location in other words would make the surface water concerns more limiting than the RCRA cleanup levels. That is why there appears to be an increased level of discussions with NMED SW Bureau. However, we are also including NMED HRMB and just wanted to let you know this. This is particularly so now because Ron Kern has recently left HRMB. Mr. Stu Dinwiddie is now handling the site instead.

I have tried several times to reach you by phone and have not been successful. Therefore, I have contacted you by E-mail. Please let me know if you have received this communication and also, please let me know if there is a problem with attempting to contact you in this way. I will be faxing a copy of this communication to both Glenn Saums and Stu Dinwiddie. Thank you for working with DOE and LANL on SWMU 3-056(c).

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