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Dr. Ed Kelley, Director
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Dear Dr. Kelley:

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) has under consideration the lease of certain property to the County of Los Alamos (County). Leasing land to the County and transferring property adjacent to DP Road were discussed in previous correspondence dated September 20, 1996. DOE issued a Finding of no Significant Impact for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the *Transfer of the DP Road Tract to the County of Los Alamos, New Mexico* (Transfer) on January 23, 1997. The initial proposal to lease land to the County was not ripe for decision at the time the Transfer EA was completed. The property proposed for lease to the County has now been established. Under the proposed action, DOE would lease approximately 50 acres in the Technical Area (TA) 3 and TA-62 area to the County for the development of a Research Park.

In accordance with DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) policy, I am notifying you that an EA will be prepared for this project. Furthermore, you will be given the opportunity to review and comment on a pre-decisional EA prior to my making a final determination on this project.

If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please contact Dean Triebel, Document Manager, at (505) 665-6353; or Elizabeth Withers, Los Alamos Area Office NEPA Compliance Officer, at (505) 667-8690.

Sincerely,

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