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SUBJECT: 15-DAY WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF A RELEASE FROM SWMU 3-014(n) (FORMER OU 1114)

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The purpose of this letter is to provide written notification on a release from Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 3-014(n). The initial notification was made to Mr. John Kieling with the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) by Joe Mose and Pat Shanley for the Los Alamos National Laboratory on July 17, 1997.

SWMU 3-014(n) is comprised of a sludge drying bed. The release was noted on July 15, 1997 when the Environmental Restoration Project personnel were checking sites at the old waste water treatment plant prior to sample collection. This SWMU was noted to be covered with oil. The date the oil was actually discharged to the SWMU is currently unknown and is being investigated. The entire surface of the sludge bed is coated with oil. LANL has estimated that the amount of oil discharged to the SWMU is between 250 and 500 gallons.

The SWMU is a sludge drying bed that is approximately 22 feet by 60 feet, has a 3000-gallon capacity, and has been inactive since 1992. The SWMU is one of many SWMUs associated with the old wastewater treatment plant at Technical Area (TA) 3. The sludge bed is partially lined with asphalt and a perforated pipe laterally bisects the unit, which discharges to another, similarly constructed sludge bed, which drains to an Imhoff tank. Therefore, the oil discharged to the SWMU was not released to the environment, but is contained within the SWMU.

Samples were collected of the oil-stained materials within the SWMU on July 21, 1997. Analytical results are anticipated in 30 days. The samples will be analyzed for volatiles, semi-volatiles, metals, PCBs, and total petroleum hydrocarbons. Further actions at this PRS will be based on these analytical results.



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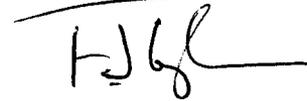
If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Dave McInroy at (505) 667-0819 or Joe Mose at (505) 667-5808.

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