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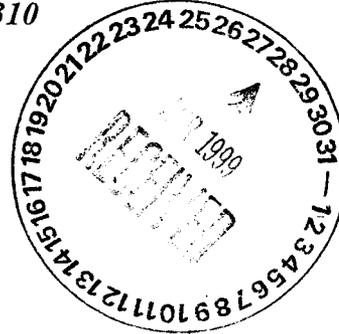
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Mr. Alex Puglisi
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RE: Status of Unconfirmed Release at UST # TA 3-73, Los Alamos National Lab, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Puglisi:

The New Mexico Environment Department (Department) is in receipt of your letter dated March 12, 1999 concerning the status of the underground storage tank (UST) TA 3-73 located at Los Alamos National Lab, Los Alamos, New Mexico. The Department is providing this letter as a concurrence that the unconfirmed release at UST TA 3-73 will not be addressed under the New Mexico Environment Department – Underground Storage Tank Regulations (20 NMAC 5). Information gathered during an investigation at the site indicated that the subsurface contamination discovered during the closure of the UST was from previous non-UST related use of the site.

This site is currently contained in Module VIII of the Laboratory's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit as a potential release site (PRS) C-3-016 and any contamination associated with this PRS will be further investigated and addressed under the provisions of that permit. The Department defers to the RCRA permit for investigation at this site. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-0110. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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