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**RE: LANL'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION REPORT ADDENDUM FOR POTENTIAL
RELEASE SITE 3-010(a)
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-01-005**

Dear Mr. Johansen and Dr. Browne:

The Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB) of the New Mexico Environment Department has reviewed LANL's response to the request for supplemental information (RSI) for the RCRA Facility Investigation Report Addendum for Potential Release Site 3-010(a) dated December 19, 2001 and referenced by ER2001-1047 and finds it adequate.

In the response, LANL had agreed to perform additional groundwater characterization activities using a phased approach. The first phase of the work will involve using geophysical instruments to determine if additional groundwater monitoring wells are warranted and to subsequently determine the possible well locations. If HWB determines that additional wells are not needed, the results of the geophysical investigation will be submitted to HWB no later than December 31,



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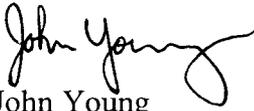
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2002. If HWB determines that additional wells are needed, a groundwater investigation plan will be submitted as the second phase to HWB no later than April 30, 2003. The plan will include, but not be limited to, activities that will provide answers to HWB's comment #1 of the RSI response, which requests that LANL perform quarterly groundwater monitoring of the existing well and subsequent wells, determine contamination extent, and determine groundwater flow direction.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance with this request, please feel free to contact Darlene Goering at (505) 428-2548.

Sincerely,



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