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RE: Review of a RFI Report from LANL FU-5: Five Potential Release Sites at TAs -6, -8, -22, and-40 dated September 1997.

Dear Mr. Johansen:

The DOE Oversight Bureau has reviewed the subject document. The following comments are provided for the purpose of communicating the results of the review. They are not provided or intended for the purpose of representing the regulatory position of the New Mexico Environment Department.

The report confirms that there were releases and proposes all of the sites for No Further Action. However, it neither provides enough information to show that the extent of contamination resulting from these releases is known nor does it justify why no further investigation of the extent of contamination is needed.

Also, the presentation of the information does not permit the reviewer to make a judgment regarding the thoroughness or completeness of the investigation. The report does not include all of the data (qualified or not), and does not permit the reviewer to link sample locations to the locations of structures or outfalls.

Specific comments resulting from this review were communicated to the appropriate LANL ER Remedial Action Group staff. If there are any questions please contact me at 505-672-0448 or Chris Hanlon-Meyer of the NMED DOE Oversight Bureau Technical Support staff at 505-827-1536.

Sincerely,

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