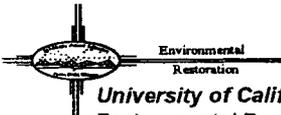


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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NMED APPROVAL OF FY 1998/1999 WORK SCHEDULES

Dear Mr. Garcia:

On October 15, 1998, the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) approved schedule changes proposed to the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Environmental Restoration (ER) Project's Work Schedules for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 and 1999. However, in its approval, HRMB raised two minor issues. We believe these to be typographic in nature and are sending this letter to clarify the written record. We have discussed these issues with Mr. John Keiling, and we believe he concurs with the explanation set out below.

The first issue involves the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for 73-004(a,b). This document was identified as a SAP in the FY 99 Work Schedule forwarded to your office by the Laboratory on June 1, 1998 and in the revision to that Work Schedule proposed by the Laboratory on September 18, 1998. Copies of both of these letters are enclosed for your convenience. Your October 15, 1998, approves the proposed revised Work Plan, but then refers to that document as an Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation (RFI) Report. The ER Project will submit a SAP for Potential Release Sites 73-004(a,b) and 73-006 as indicated on line fourteen of the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Schedule. It is our understanding that NMED is anticipating receiving this SAP.

The second issue involves the removal of Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 35-016(u) from the FY 98 Work Schedule. This SWMU was included in the June 1, 1998 draft of the the FY 98 Work Schedule and was removed from the FY 98 Work Schedule draft sent to your office on September 18, 1998. It was inadvertently referred to as 35-016(u) in our September 18, 1998 cover letter. This incorrect reference was continued in your October 15, 1998 approval letter. SWMU 35-016(n) will be addressed in subsequent years. It is our understanding that your approval was actually for the removal of 35-016(n), as that



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was the SWMU actually removed from the FY 98 Work Schedule by the September 18, 1998 revision.

These issues do not impact the contents of the FY 98 and 99 Work Schedule charts we forwarded to your office on September 18, 1998, which you approved by your letter dated October 15, 1998. Therefore, no revisions to these Work Schedule charts are required. We are merely sending you this letter to clarify the record.

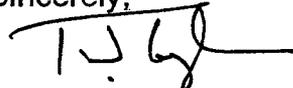
Please direct any questions regarding these issues to David McInroy at (505) 667-0819 or Joe Mose at (505) 667-5808. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



Theodore J. Taylor, Program Manager
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- Enclosures: (1) FY98/99 Work Schedules
(2) Submittal of RFI Report for PRSs in the Eastern and Western Aggregates at TA-6 (Former OU 1111, FU 5) to Fulfill FY98 Work Schedule Commitments

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