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Mr. Joseph Vozella
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Dear Mr. Vozella:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your August 8, 1995, Notice of Deficiency Response and request for Temporary Authorization to conduct Expedited Cleanups (ECs) at the following solid waste management units (SWMUs): 8-003(a), 18-001(b) and 48-002 (a and b). The cleanup level at SWMUs 48-002 (a and b) for carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons should be 7.8 mg/kg rather than 78 mg/kg as proposed by Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Because LANL is proposing to remove up to a foot of soil, this cleanup level should be easily obtainable and confirmable by laboratory analysis.

EPA approval is based upon the information submitted, as well as the fact that the proposed EC activities will neither interfere with any future remediation required at these SWMUs, nor pose unacceptable risks to human health and the environment. Information on these ECs was presented at a public meeting held on May 9, 1995, in Pojoaque, New Mexico during the 60 day comment period. No objections from the public were raised at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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