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Subject: NMED DOE Oversight review of three RFI Reports from LANL FU-5: Sediment Pathways from MDAs G,H,J and L, TA-54, Potential Release Sites at TA-8 and TA-9, and Potential Release Sites at TA-50.

This correspondence is provided to communicate DOE Oversight Bureau comments on the above reports. It is not provided or intended for the purpose of representing the regulatory position of the New Mexico Environment Department.

NMED DOE OB staff have reviewed these reports and have no comment on the Sediment Pathways from MDAs G,H,J, and L TA-54, and PRSs at TA-50 (50-004(a), 50-004(c), 50-011(a)).

Comment on RFI Report for PRSs at TA-8 and TA-9:

Page 39, Section 5.1.1.4, paragraph 7

"A second clay pipe was found, entering the manhole approximately 3.4 ft above the floor of the manhole." "...a sludge sample (AAB0864 and duplicate sample AAB0864D) were collected from this pipe."

The Sr-90 concentration in the sludge sample is reported as 4.04 pCi/g. This concentration is close to the SAL (4.4 pCi/g). It is recommended that further work be completed to investigate the origin and characterize the extent of any possible contamination related to the reported clay pipe.



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If there are any questions please contact me or Chris Hanlon-Meyer of the NMED DOE Oversight Bureau at 505-827-1536.

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