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Subject: Best Management Practices (BMP) at Materials Disposal Area (MDA) M

Dear Ms. Rofer,

On November 14, 1995, State of New Mexico, Department of Energy Oversight Bureau (DOE OB) personnel conducted a tour of the MDA M site with Ray Brewer. The purpose of this visit was to inspect the BMP's in place for the prevention of the release of contaminants from the site by storm water. This letter addresses our observations and recommendations.

- * The elevated road bed and berm have been constructed in a manner to effectively control storm water runoff from the site.
- * Additional run-on control could be achieved by placing sand bags or hay bales on the south-west corner of the enclosure, along the road. This would divert any run-on originating from the West of MDA M around the south west corner and away from MDA M.
- * A supply of hay bales could be stored on site, to be used for supplementing existing BMP's as future conditions warrant (i.e. potential erosional problems develop from settling of road, etc.).

Careful consideration of storm water run-off in the design of the road and associated berm is apparent and will reduce the likelihood of contaminants escaping from MDA M and being released into Upper Pajarito Canyon. These suggestions do not have to impede planned ER work, as they can be implemented concurrently.



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I would like to thank you for the opportunity to inspect the BMP's prior to initiation of remedial work. If you have any questions on this matter please contact Harvy Decker at 672-0459 or Ralph Ford-Schmid at 827-1536.

Sincerely,



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