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Mr. Joseph C. Vozella, Chief  
Environment, Safety and Health Branch  
Department of Energy  
Los Alamos Area Office  
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

Re: Interim Measure Plan for Operable Unit 1079  
Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)

Dear Mr. Vozella:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your request for an interim measure at Operable Unit 1079 (OU 1079) dated April 22, 1994. Currently, under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA) EPA has no authority over radioactivity. The interim measure proposed requires the removal of radioactive contaminated shrapnel from experiments in Bayo Canyon, and no hazardous waste or hazardous constituents are involved. EPA believes that the measure as proposed will be protective of the public, and therefore encourages you to proceed as outlined in the work plan. For your information, matters relating solely to radioactivity do not require EPA approval under the HSWA portion of the RCRA permit.

Should you have any questions, please contact Barbara Driscoll at (214) 655-7441.

Sincerely,

*William K. Honker*

William K. Honker, Chief  
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