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Mr. Benito Garcia, Bureau Chief
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Dear Mr. Garcia:

Subject: Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Hazardous Waste Permit
No. NM0890010515-1, Technical Areas (TA) 14 and 15 Surface
Impoundments - Request for Withdrawal

The purpose of this letter is to request the cancellation and withdrawal from the above-referenced LANL Hazardous Waste Facility Permit surface impoundments that appear in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) database for LANL TA-14 and TA-15. The capacities for the surface impoundments listed were for a 1,000,000 gallon unit in TA-14 and for a 100,000 gallon capacity unit in TA-15.

Discussions with current and past LANL program management and operations personnel determined that these two surface impoundments have never existed and no knowledge of their ever being planned, designed, or constructed was determined. As an additional check, Environmental Restoration Program records for LANL were also reviewed and no information was found to suggest the existence of these surface impoundments. It is our belief that an administrative error occurred during the initial submittal and/or generation of the original EPA database that was not determined to be present by staff involved in these activities at that time.

As a result of this investigation and the determination that these two impoundments have never existed, we request that all reference to them be deleted from the EPA database.

Should you wish to discuss this issue further, please contact Jody Plum, Office of Environment and Projects, at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,

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