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July 21, 1997

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RE: Extension of Deadline for Response to the Notice of Deficiency (NOD) for TA-14  
EPA I.D. No. NM0890010515

Dear Mr. Todd and Dr. Hecker:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) received your letter of July 02, 1997, signed by Mr. H.L. "Jody" Plum. Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL's) aim of writing NMED was to request an extension of the due date for response to the NOD issued by HRMB on the Part B Permit Application for the proposed open burning/open detonation (OB/OD) treatment activities at TA-14. LANL's letter explained that you will need a ninety (90) day extension to develop the required engineering drawings, a Post-Closure Plan, and to conduct human health and ecological risk analysis.

In light of the above reasons, HRMB hereby grants LANL the extension to October 9, 1997, effective retroactively from July 11, 1997. LANL must therefore submit the required response to the NOD to HRMB no later than the close of business day October 9, 1997. Please incorporate the required information into the September 1996 Part B Permit Application, and present the revised version to HRMB in two hard copies, and on a 3.5" diskette compatible with Word Perfect 5.2. Your usual cooperation in submitting the necessary information promptly will expedite NMED's final determination on the subject NOD, and the commencement of permit development.

Please call me or Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at (505) 827-1561, if you have further questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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