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May 8, 1998

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Dr. John C. Browne, Director
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**RE: Approval of Withdrawal/Cancellation from RCRIS
Technical Areas 14 and 15 Surface Impoundments
Los Alamos National Laboratory
NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Todd and Dr. Browne:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is in receipt of a letter from Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/LANL), dated July 3, 1996 regarding the withdrawal and cancellation of the Surface Impoundments at Technical Areas (TAs) 14 and 15. Recent discussions between HRMB and DOE/LANL in addition to the July 3, 1996 letter indicates that these units do not exist but appear on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 Resource Conservation Recovery Information System (RCRIS) database for LANL.

NMED concurs with the withdrawal/cancellation of the surface impoundments at TAs 14 and 15. Site visits by NMED of the these TAs also concur that the surface impoundments were never planned, designed or constructed and therefore have not stored, treated or disposed of hazardous or mixed waste. The RCRIS database indicates capacities at TAs 14 and 15 of 1,000,000 gallons and 100,000 gallons, respectively. It is likely that an administrative error occurred during the



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development of the RCRIS database.

NMED hereby approves the request for withdrawal/cancellation of TAs 14 and 15 surface impoundments at LANL. NMED will correct this error within the RCRIS database.

If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Dr. Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie or Mr. John Kieling of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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