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Dear Mr. Kieling:

SUBJECT: Replacement of the Burn Cage at TA-14

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on an earlier discussion with your staff. The change we are requesting relates to the interim status open burn activity at TA-14.

Open burning of explosive wastes occurs at TA-14 in a burn cage. That cage is a metal container (approximately the size of a 32 gallon garbage can) that is used to burn wastes contaminated with trace to small amounts of explosives. Over time that metal container, being exposed to the elements, has deteriorated. It is now at the point that it is no longer structurally sound.

DX Division of the Los Alamos National Laboratory is the operator of this site. They have determined that this replacement is necessary based on their inspection of the existing burn cage. They have commissioned the construction of an identical new burn cage. It will be located on the exact location of the old burn cage.

The old burn cage will be flashed at the TA-16 burn grounds to insure there is no remaining explosive waste associated with the old burn cage. It will then be sent off site together with other scrap metal to a metal recycler. The new burn cage will be put into service upon the removal of the existing one. This is planned within the next six weeks.

There will be no change in the operation at TA-14. The volume of waste being processed will remain the same and activities will continue as defined in the existing Part A and the Part B of the submitted TA-14 Permit Application.

If you should have any questions concerning this issue please feel free to contact Jack Ellvinger of ESH-19 at 667-0633.

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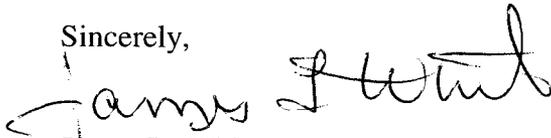


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