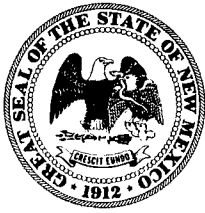


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**RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL  
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE CAÑON DE VALLE AGGREGATE  
HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION REPORT AND INVESTIGATION WORK  
PLAN OUTLINES  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-MISC**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Department of Energy and the University of California's (collectively, the Permittees) *Request for Approval of the Cañon de Valle Aggregate Historical Investigation Report and Investigation Work Plan Outlines*, dated March 8, 2006 and referenced by ER2006-0198. NMED has reviewed the outlines and has the following comments.

1. The Historical Investigation Report (HIR) is organized by subaggregate. Each subaggregate may contain up to several solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs). The Permittees must provide separate site descriptions, operational histories, and historical data interpretations for each SWMU and AOC within the subaggregate and within a consolidated unit.



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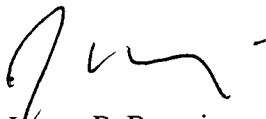
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2. The HIR contains sections to present the conceptual site model, nature and extent of contamination, and summary and additional data requirements. The HIR is intended to present data on which NMED and the Permittees base the proposed activities in the work plan. The Permittees must only present this information in the Investigation Work Plan instead.
3. The Investigation Work Plan is organized by subaggregate. In the Work Plan, the Permittees must present site descriptions, operational histories, and historical data interpretations for each SWMU and AOC within the subaggregate and within a consolidated unit. The scope of investigation activities may also need to be separated into SWMUs and AOCs if the units are not related by process or geography.

Although NMED is approving the outlines for these two documents, the Permittees must not present any associated human health risk assessments either in the risk assessment report or appendix to the investigation report as subaggregates. The Permittees must assess risk to human health by individual SWMU, AOC, or consolidated unit. The Permittees must submit an outline of the risk assessment report (or appendix) prior to submitting the report.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Darlene Goering of my staff at (505) 428-2542.

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