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July 19, 1997

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RE: Pre-NOD Meetings and Request for 30 Day Extensions

Dear Mr. Todd and Dr. Hecker:

This letter is in response to the July 14, 1997, letter signed by Jorg Jansen and Theodore J. Taylor, and referenced by EM/ER: 97-262, indicating that pre-Notice of Deficiency (NOD) meetings would be held prior to the issuance of formal NOD's from the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). It is NMED's understanding, at the DOE Quarterly meeting of June 27, 1997, that a meeting between Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and NMED staff would be conducted to discuss recurring deficiencies (see attached letter from NMED to Mr. Todd and Dr. Hecker, dated July 18, 1997) including, especially, the use of qualified data. A joint working session is to be scheduled in late October to discuss recurring deficiencies.

Pre-NOD meetings may be considered by HRMB but only as a formal request by LANL on a project specific basis. Therefore, the requested 30-day blanket extension is not granted. As in the past, LANL may make a request for project or document specific extensions. For HRMB to have pre-NOD meetings on all reviewed documents would be a disconcerting effort. The time involved for such, and so many, meetings would effectively bring progress by both of our organization to a stand still. HRMB will continue to review and provide NOD comments on corrective action (CA) and permit related submittals.



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In regards to the recent "LANL Steam Team," NOD comments on past CA submittals are being provided to LANL. HRMB is willing to schedule a meeting to discuss these deficiencies as a group. HRMB requests that one meeting be conducted to cover the "Steam Team" reviewed documents. A list of the "Steam Team" documents is attached. It is also recommended that a meeting be scheduled to address NOD's for TA-15 and TA-21-029 at the same time.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Mr. John Kieling, RPMP's LANL Facility Manager, at (505) 827-1558.

Sincerely,



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"STEAM TEAM" Documents

NOD Response for TA-36, PRSs 36-003(a-b), 36-005, and C-36-0003, dated February 27, 1996.

RFI Report and NOD Response (February 16, 1996) for PRS 10-001(a-d).

NOD Response for PRS 33-002(a-e), MDA K, dated May 2, 1996.

Sampling and Analysis Plan for PRS 21-018(b), dated February 28, 1996.

NOD Response for TA-33, dated May 24, 1995.

Response to Additional Information Request for PRS 31-001, dated April 3, 1997.

NOD Response for RFI Report for TA-45, dated March 1, 1996.

NOD Response for TA-42, dated July 19, 1996.

RFI Report for TA-39, PRSs 39-002(a-f), 39-005, 39-006(a), and 39-007(a, d), dated April 1995.

Sampling and Analysis Plan for PRSs 21-016(a, b, c), Dated March 1, 1996.

Phase II Sampling and Analysis Plans for PRSs 21-024(c, i) and 21-027(a), dated January 1996.

RFI Report for SWMU 0-039, dated February 28, 1996.