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August 19, 1997

Steven Rae, ESH-18 Group Leader
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RE: Response to Notice of Intent to Discharge Water for the use of Decontamination of Tools and Personal Protective Equipment, Los Alamos National Laboratory (ESH-18/WQ&H:97-0153)

Dear Mr. Rae:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received your Notice of Intent (NOI), dated May 16, 1997, for the discharge of 60 gallons per day from your proposed Potential Release Sites (PRSs) within Field Unit #2 in accordance with Section 1201 of the NM Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations. The facility is located at the Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL), Los Alamos County. The application satisfies the requirements of Section 1201 of the WQCC Regulations.

Based on the presently available information in your NOI, dated May 16, 1997, a discharge plan is not being required for this discharge as long as the discharge is as described.

In accordance with WQCC Regulation 3104, a discharge plan is not being required because the information provided indicates that no effluent or leachate will move directly or indirectly into ground water.

The exempt discharge is briefly described as follows:

Up to 60 gallons per day of rinse water will be used for the decontamination of tools and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at various PRSs within Field Unit #2, LANL. Water volumes will be kept to a minimum by the use of hand held sprayers and rags. Water will not be allowed to channel or to enter any surface water course.

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Although a discharge plan is not being required for this discharge, you are not relieved of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters. Further, this decision by the NMED does not relieve you of your responsibility to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, such as zoning requirements, plumbing codes and nuisance ordinances.

If at some time in the future you intend to change the amount, the character, or location of your discharge so that it will not be as described, or if observation or monitoring shows that the discharge is not as described, you must file a new request for exemption with the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section.

If you have any questions, please contact either Phyllis Bustamante of the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section staff at 827-0166 or Dale Doremus, Program Manager of the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section at 827-2900.

Sincerely,



Marcy Leavitt, Chief
Ground Water Quality Bureau

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xc: James Bearzi, District Manager, NMED Dist. II
NOI File
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