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Ms. Julie Wanslow
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Dear Ms. Wanslow:

This letter is in response to your written request of January 14, 1988, regarding the submittal of an annual groundwater monitoring report. Surface impoundments, landfills and land treatment facilities operating under interim status are required to conduct groundwater monitoring (HWMR-4, 206.C.1.a.(1)] unless the requirement has been waived in accordance with 206.C.1.a.(3).

There are two technical areas (TAs) (TA-54, Area L and TA-16 burning ground) at Los Alamos National Laboratory that fall under these requirements. Area L and the TA-16 burning ground both contain inactive landfills and surface impoundments. In a letter from the Environmental Improvement Division (EID) to the Laboratory dated November 5, 1985, a groundwater monitoring waiver for Area L was granted. A letter from Mr. Harold Valencia to the EID, dated December 15, 1987, requested a groundwater monitoring waiver for both the landfill (Area P) and surface impoundment at the TA-16 burning ground. Additional information, supporting the groundwater monitoring waiver request for Area P can be obtained from the Department of Energy's response (February 11, 1988) to the EID's January 8, 1988, Notice of Violation (NOV). The NOV response to Deficiency #3 addresses the fact that no free-flowing water has been detected in the boreholes drilled at Area P.

We hope this letter will satisfy your request. If you need further information contact Mr. Jim Phoenix at 667-5288.

Sincerely,


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