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Mr. Harold E. Valencia  
U.S. D.O.E. Area Manager  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

RE: NM 0890010515  
Area P Closure

Dear Mr. Valencia:

In response to your request of October 20, 1988, to defer public notice of the closure of TA-16, Area P landfill, the EID will withhold public notice 27 until a later date. This should not be construed as approved of DOE policy to defer budgeting for RCRA closures until after approval of a closure plan. Given the long lead-time in the DOE budget process such a policy forces violation of the closure scheduling criteria set forth in 40 CFR 265.113. DOE should take all possible action to budget and close within the guidelines of 40 CFR 265. Subpart G.

Sincerely,

*C. Kelley Crossman*

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Permitting Supervisor

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cc: Janie Hernandez, EPA (6H-HS)



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