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Michael Horan  
Taos Environmental Association  
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RE: NM0890010515  
TA-16 Surface Impoundment Closure Plan Approval

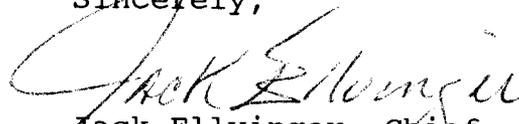
Dear Mr. Horan:

Thank you for your comment of December 5, 1988 regarding closure activities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) TA-16 Surface Impoundment. Your question related to whether or not LANL would close the unit with hazardous waste or constituents still in place.

LANL has indicated that the surface impoundment will be closed with all hazardous wastes or constituents removed and the closure plan is approved based on that premise. If the constituents cannot be removed, LANL must apply for a post-closure permit which will include provisions for groundwater monitoring and conditions to prevent the escape of wastes.

Enclosed is a copy of the modifications made to the plan by the Environmental Improvement Division. If you have any further questions, please call Dr. A. Elizabeth Gordon on my staff at (505) 827-2929.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Ellvinger, Chief  
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