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Mr. James R. Anderson
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RE: NM0890010515
TA-16 SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT CLOSURE PLAN REVIEW

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division (EID) is reviewing the Closure Certification for the TA-16 Surface Impoundment submitted by the Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) on September 19, 1990. Before we may continue to review the closure certification, clarification of the documents previously submitted for a ground-water waiver is required.

The documents in our files that we consider to be the request for a ground-water waiver are enclosures 3a and 3b of your response dated January 8, 1988 to a Notice of Violation from EID. An additional document (Supplemental Report for the Interim Status Closure Plan at the TA-16 Surface Impoundment, dated November 18 1988), refers to documentation for a ground-water waiver in files at the LANL HSE-8 office. See page 4, section 2.3 Ground-Water Monitoring Plan from the Supplemental Report. Please provide that information, particularly if it addresses the criteria outlined in the EPA directive attached to this letter.

That EPA directive, number 9476.00-14, outlines the information that is required to demonstrate that groundwater monitoring is not necessary. Please pay particular attention to paragraphs 2) and 3) on pages 2 and 3 of the attachment in determining the criteria that need be met for a ground water variance.



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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Englert on my staff at (505) 827-0142.

Sincerely,

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