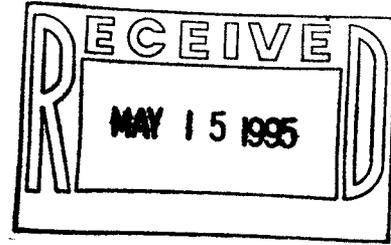




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Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

Per our discussion on April 6, 1995 regarding the Open Burn RCRA Part B Permit Application, we have put together a strategy that will hopefully satisfy your concerns and will allow for the successful application process and subsequent permit approval.

The concerns expressed at the April 6, 1995 meeting included:

- Sampling for the area of contamination and baseline data for the areas that were to undergo technology improvements, prior to those improvements.
- Assurances there will be little or no potential of cross contamination of the clean closure of the Materials Disposal Area P (MDAP) by active flash pad TA-16/387.

The strategy that we discussed at the April 6, 1995 meeting is the foundation for the strategy that we intend to follow.

First, we are putting together a sampling and characterization plan to be submitted with the permit application, which includes sampling those areas slated for technology improvements prior to implementation of improvements.

Second, included in the permit application will be information that gives assurances about controls to prevent cross contamination of the MDAP. In addition, we will send a letter by June 1 that outlines those controls which will be further detailed in the permit application.

Finally, we have set up a "lessons learned" meeting with Sandia/Kirtland which will hopefully allow us to address your concerns more fully.

As discussed in the April 6 meeting, these actions should address the concerns brought out at that meeting, and we are



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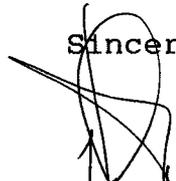
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ready to implement this strategy. Enclosed with this letter is the letter of assurances. We would appreciate a reply as to whether this strategy is acceptable and meets your expectations on or around May 26, 1995. This will allow us to provide, on schedule, as complete and acceptable an application as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,



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