

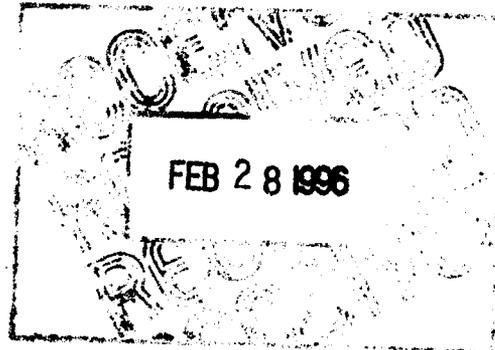


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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
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Materials Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
2044A Galisteo
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: **Corrective Measure Study for SWMU 16-021(c)
Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)**

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently reviewed an Interim Action Report dated February 12, 1996, from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 16-021(c). SWMU 16-021(c) is an area of significant high explosive contamination which discharges into Cañon de Valle. During a site visit by EPA and NMED in October 1995, LANL staff indicated that high explosives were being found in springs near this discharge and the possible source was SWMU 16-021(c). Based upon a review of information provided in the above report and previous documentation of extensive contamination, EPA recommends that a Corrective Measure Study be imposed for this site. EPA also recommends that LANL be required to submit a CMS work plan for this site by October 1, 1996.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Barbara Driscoll at (214) 665-7441.

Sincerely,


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