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Mr. Joseph C. Vozella, Chief
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 Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

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

Dear Mr. Vozella:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)-Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recently reviewed Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Interim Action Report dated February 12, 1996, for Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 16-021(c). SWMU 16-021(c) is an area of significant high-explosive contamination that discharges into Cañon de Valle.

During a site visit by NMED-HRMB/EPA in October 1995, LANL staff indicated that SWMU 16-021(c) was the possible source of high explosives found in nearby springs. Based upon a review of the above-mentioned report and previous documentation of extensive contamination, NMED-HRMB/EPA recommends that a Corrective Measure Study (CMS) be conducted for this site and that a CMS Workplan for this site be submitted by LANL by October 1, 1996.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact either Mr. Robert Dinwiddie at 505/827-1561 or Ms. Teri Davis at 505/827-1558 concerning permitting or technical issues, respectively.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Hoditschek,
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