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Mr. Steve R. Rae  
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RE: Notices Of Intent (NOI) To Discharge Potable Water For Soil Wetting And Bioremediation Activities at Environmental Restoration (ER) Site PRS 021 (c) At Technical Area (TA)-16-260.

Dear Mr. Rae:

The New Mexico Environment Department - Surface Water Quality Bureau (NMED-SWQB) has reviewed the NOI's dated April 28, 1997, for ER site PRS 021 (c) and TA-16-260 submitted pursuant to Section 1201 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations. This letter constitutes NMED-SWQB's response, NMED- Ground Water Bureau (GWB) may respond under separate cover. In addition, NMED-SWQB notes a copy of this NOI was not sent to NMED-HRMB. Because this NOI involves RCRA sites, NMED-SWQB will forward NMED-HRMB a copy.

The NMED-SWQB notes LANL's statement that,

"no liquid will be discharged in a manner that will impact a watercourse."

SWQB feels compelled to remind LANL of its concern that proper BMPs already implemented, (as described in LANL's Feb. 16, 1996 Interim Action Final Report for 16-0231(c)) should be monitored / maintained, and, as necessary, modified to prevent any discharge to a watercourse.

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If no discharge is achieved, NMED-SWQB believes there would be no further surface water concerns. However, since the potable water in this case, is to be applied to RCRA contaminated sites, NMED-SWQB would be concerned if a discharge were to reach a watercourse. If this were to happen, NMED-SWQB would expect LANL to submit a WQCC Regulation Section 1203 Discharge Notification.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Barbara Hoditschek of my staff at (505) 827-0596. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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