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September 4, 1997

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**RE: Clarification of the Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Request for Change
in Review Status for Technical Area (TA) 16 Permit Application
Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Todd and Dr. Hecker:

The RCRA Permits Management Program (RPMP) of the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is in receipt of the August 29, 1997 letter from the Department of Energy (DOE)/LANL regarding the review status for the TA-16 permit application for the Building 88, Container Storage Area, and the Open Burn Units consisting of Flash Pad 387, Burn Pads 388 and 399, Burn Tray 394, and Filter Vessels 401 and 406.

The letter indicates the permit strategy approach that DOE/LANL and the RPMP have discussed in the recent past. When the TA-16 site-specific application becomes a permit (consisting of the mentioned units above) it would be the first established in the development of a TA-site-specific module. The renewal of the permitted incinerator unit as part of the TA-16 module will be considered at the time the facility permit is renewed. If DOE/LANL decides to renew the permit for the incinerator a modification to the TA-16 module will be submitted.



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If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact myself or Mr. John Kieling, RPMP's LANL Facility Manager at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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