

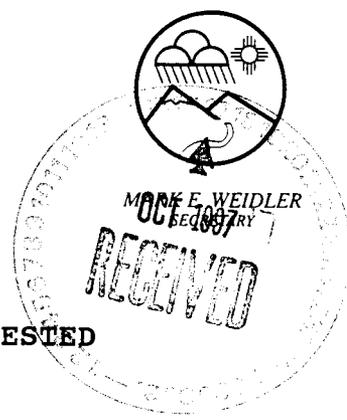


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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 15, 1997

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Steven Rae, ESH-18 Group Leader  
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P.O. Box 1663 Mail Stop K497  
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545

RE: Response to Notice of Intent to Use Potable Water for Dust  
Suppression at Technical Area 16, Los Alamos National  
Laboratories

Dear Mr Rae:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received your Notice of Intent (NOI), dated April 10, 1997, for the discharge of up to 1000 gallons per day for the proposed use of dust suppression at Technical Area (TA)-16 in accordance with Section 1201 of the NM Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations. The facility is located at the Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL), Los Alamos County. The application satisfies the requirements of Section 1201 of the WQCC Regulations.

Based on the presently available information in your NOI and additional information provided in your letter dated October 1, 1997, a discharge plan is not being required for this discharge as long as the discharge is as described.

In accordance with WQCC Regulation 3104, a discharge plan is not being required because the information provided indicates that no effluent or leachate will move directly or indirectly into ground water.

The exempt discharge is briefly described as follows:

Up to 1000 gallons per day of potable water will be used for dust suppression activities at TA-16, LANL. Water will not be allowed to pond or to enter surface drainages. Water should not be discharged where there are known contaminants in soil.

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Although a discharge plan is not being required for this discharge, you are not relieved of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters. Further, this decision by the NMED does not relieve you of your responsibility to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, such as zoning requirements, plumbing codes and nuisance ordinances.

If at some time in the future you intend to change the amount, the character, or location of your discharge so that it will not be as described, or if observation or monitoring shows that the discharge is not as described, you must file a new request for exemption with the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section.

If you have any questions, please contact either Phyllis Bustamante of the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section staff at 827-0166 or Dale Doremus, Program Manager of the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section at 827-2900.

Sincerely,



Marcy Leavitt, Chief  
Ground Water Quality Bureau

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NOI File  
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