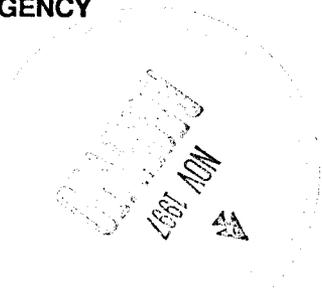




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**RE: Review of LANL VCA Completion Report for PRS 16-016(f),  
EPA I.D. No. NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a technical review of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) RCRA Voluntary Corrective Action (VCA) Completion Report for cleanup activities in Technical Area (TA)16, Potential Release Site (PRS) 16-016(f), dated January 19, 1996. The EPA has found the Report to be deficient and enclosed is a list of deficiencies.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Allen T. Chang of my staff at (214) 665-7541.

Sincerely yours,

*David W. Neleigh*  
David W. Neleigh, Chief  
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**LIST OF DEFICIENCIES**  
**LANL VCA COMPLETION REPORT FOR PRS 16-016(f)**

1. Page 1, Section 2.0, 2nd paragraph: The report states that the visible asbestos and the surrounding soil in a radius of 3 ft and to a depth of 1 ft were removed. In April 21, 1995, the Memorandum issued from David Jardine states, "...12 x 12 ft around those two spots was stripped several inches deep...". Please clarify which is correct, "1 ft" or "several inches"? **(Best Professional Judgement (BPJ))**
  
2. Since this site is not included in the approved work plan, please explain whether this site has ever been investigated with analytical results confirming that no RCRA regulated hazardous constituents existed at this site. **(BPJ)**