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October 23, 1998

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**RE: Approval of a Request for Temporary Authorization Extension  
 Technical Area (TA) 16-388 Open Burn Unit  
 Los Alamos National Laboratory  
 NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Gurule and Dr. Browne:

The RCRA Permits Management Program (RPMP) of the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is in receipt of the September 1, 1998 letter from the Department of Energy (DOE)/LANL requesting an extension to the temporary authorization for the Technical Area (TA) 16-388 Open Burn Unit. The purpose of the 180 day extension is to provide continued operations in support of the closure of Material Disposal Area P at TA-16

NMED hereby approves the extension to the temporary authorization for operation of the TA-16-388 Open Burn Unit. It is effective September 28, 1998 for 180 calendar days pursuant to §270.42(e)(4). The temporary authorization has been determined to be a Class II permit modification under §270.42(d)(2)(ii) as the changes are necessary to enable a permittee to respond in a timely manner to the variation of quantities of the waste to be treated.

This temporary authorization is reissued for a term of up to 180 additional days and will expire on March 29, 1999. The approval of this extension to the temporary authorization and the



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activities associated with the operation of this unit shall be in compliance with the standards set forth in 20 NMAC 4.1 Subpart V, 40 CFR Part 264. The RPMP is requesting that any comments received concerning the temporary authorization be forwarded to HRMB within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt to be incorporated into the administrative record.

If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. John Kieling of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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