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May 12, 1999

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RE: Approval of Change Under Interim Status; Technical Area (TA) 16-388
EPA I.D. No. NM 089 001 0515

Dear Mr. Gurule and Dr. Browne:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) has received from the Department Of Energy/Los Alamos Area Office (DOE/LAAO) a letter (Ref: LAAME:3JP-112) dated April 12, 1999. This letter is a Class 1 Permit Modification Request for TA-16-388. However, TA-16-388 is not a permitted unit, and so cannot be subject to a permit modification. The requested change to the process must be reviewed as a request for change under interim status.

Because 16-388 is being used in conjunction with the required closure of Material Disposal Area P at TA-16, HRMB has determined that this requested change is permissible under 20 NMAC 4.1, 40 CFR §270.72(a)2(ii), which allows changes under interim status which are necessary to comply with a Federal, State or local requirement. HRMB hereby approves the requested change under interim status, effective upon receipt of this letter.

Please note that change under interim status is not covered the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Fee

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Regulations, 20 NMAC 4.2, so no payment is required at this time.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie, RCRA Permits Program Manager at (505) 827-1561, extension 1039.

Sincerely,



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