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**RE: MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA (MDA) P CLOSURE REPORT CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY DOCUMENTATION
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY NM0890010515**

Dear Dr. Browne and Mr. Trollinger:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is communicating with Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Department of Energy (the Permittees) regarding the content of the MDA P Closure Report. The closure report, for activities conducted at MDA P, is required to be submitted to NMED on or before January 31, 2003. The closure report must include analytical results from the closure of MDA P (SWMU 16-018); the former barium nitrate pile [SWMU 16-016(c)]; 386 flash pad [SWMU 16-010(a)]; 387 flash pad [SWMU 16-010(b)]; and the septic tank drain field and outfall [SWMU 16-006(e)]. With this letter, NMED is requiring the submittal of a closure plan outline for review and approval prior to report submittal. NMED is also requiring, in accordance with Section XI.C.14.d, page 245 of "Los Alamos National Laboratory Order," dated November 26, 2002, that final analytical data reports, including chain-of-custody records and quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) be submitted as part of the closure report for MDA P. NMED believes submittal of chain-of-custody records is necessary in order for the Permittees to demonstrate sample integrity and aid in the evaluation of closure activities conducted at MDA P.



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According to the approved closure plan for MDA P, the Permittees must demonstrate clean closure of the RCRA regulated units and the corrective action unit. It is essential that the closure report contain all data necessary to evaluate closure of MDA P and the units listed above, which have been incorporated into MDA P for the purpose of closure.

Should you have any additional questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (505) 428-2546.

Sincerely,



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