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**RE: MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA (MDA) P CLOSURE REPORT OUTLINE
SUBMITTAL DEADLINE
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY NM0890010515**

Dear Dr. Browne and Mr. Trollinger:

This letter is to clarify a letter from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Department of Energy (the Permittees) dated December 4, 2002. In the letter dated December 4, 2002, NMED required the submittal of a closure plan outline for review and approval prior to report submittal but did not state a date for the outline submittal. With this letter, NMED is requiring the closure report outline be submitted to NMED on or before December 31, 2002 for review and approval. As stated in the December 4, 2002 correspondence, final analytical data reports, including chain-of-custody records and quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) documentation must be included as part of the closure report for MDA P. NMED believes submittal of chain-of-custody records necessary in order for the Permittees to demonstrate sample integrity and aid NMED in the evaluation of closure activities conducted at MDA P.



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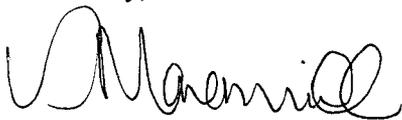
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The NMED approved a Class I Closure Plan Modification request for MDA P on May 30, 2002. Included in the approved modification was an extension of the 90-day and 180-day closure time frames. By approving the closure plan modification, all closure activities including reporting, must be completed on or before January 31, 2003. The closure report for MDA P must include the following units: SWMU 16-018, SWMU 16-016(c), SWMU 16-010(a), SWMU 16-010(b), and SWMU 16-006(e).

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. NMED would like to point out, if the closure report submitted does not contain all information required to demonstrate clean closure, NMED may reject the closure report. Rejection of the closure report would require the Permittees to request from NMED an extension of the 90-day timeframe; in a Class I permit modification. 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. NMED believes submittal of a closure report outline will help to facilitate an expeditious review of the closure report once submitted.

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

Sincerely,



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