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June 23, 2003

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CLOSURE OF THE TECHNICAL AREA 16
BUILDING 88 CONTAINER STORAGE UNIT
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY NM 0890010515**

Dear Messrs. Nanos and Erickson:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) published notice of intent to approve the closure of the U.S. Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Laboratory (Permittees) Technical Area 16, Building 88-container storage unit on May 9, 2003. The unit was authorized to store hazardous waste as an interim status container storage unit under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and 20.4.1.600 NMAC (incorporating 40 C.F.R. Part 265). The unit was never used for storage of hazardous waste. The 30-day public comment period ended June 9, 2003. During the public comment period no comments were received. NMED approves closure of the unit.

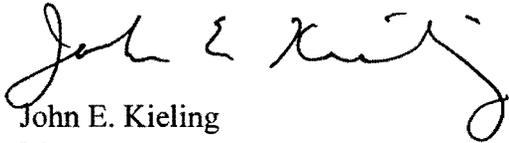


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Please call Lee Winn of my staff at (505) 428-2541 if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,



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