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SUBJECT: CLOSURE PLAN APPROVAL
TECHNICAL AREA 16 CLOSURE PLAN FOR THE
TA-16-401 AND -406 SAND FILTERS
MARCH 2003, REVISION 0.0, LA-UR-03-2091
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID NO. NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-03-004

Dear Messrs. Nanos and Erickson:

The U.S. Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Laboratory (Permittees) submitted the above-referenced Closure Plan to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for NMED review on April 7, 2003. NMED issued a Notice of Deficiency (NOD) on the Closure Plan on April 28, 2003. The Permittees submitted revised Closure Plan pages to NMED on May 28, 2003, consisting of Section 4.3, Table 4, Table 5, and a certification page, revised to address soil sampling deficiencies identified in the NOD. The revised pages are included in the Closure Plan as Appendices A, B, and C.

NMED approves the revised Closure Plan.

The Sand Filters were authorized to treat hazardous waste containing high explosives by open burning as interim status units under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act, and 20.4.1.600 NMAC (incorporating 40 C.F.R. Part 265).



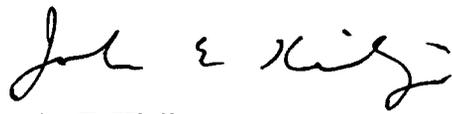
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On October 17, 2003, NMED published a public notice of intent to approve the Closure Plan, with a 30-day public comment period ending on November 17, 2003. NMED received no comments during the public comment period.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this approval, please contact Lee Winn of my staff at (505) 428-2541.

Sincerely,



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