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**RE: Approval of the Response to the NOD
Interim Action Plan and Report
Technical Area 18-003 (a-d, g)
Los Alamos National Laboratory
NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Jansen and Mr. Taylor:

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department has reviewed Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Response to the Notice of Deficiency (NOD) for Technical Area 18-003 (a-d, g) dated January 16, 1997 (EM/ER:96-640). HRMB hereby approves both the Interim Action Plan (dated May 1996) and Report (dated October 1996) as amended by the Response to the NOD and pending the receipt of formal notification of final disposition of wastes generated by this interim action.



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This letter does not constitute approval of the future or final disposition of the tanks as proposed in LANL's response (Response to the NOD) to comment #4 in Attachment B - Interim Action Report. For each inactive septic tank, LANL shall remove or, at a minimum, eliminate the potential for flow into and out of the tank using a solid, non-porous material (such as flow-crete). However, any action other than complete removal of the tank and associated lines may not be considered appropriate to achieve regulatory concurrence on a No Further Action petition.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact either myself or Mr. John Kieling, HRMB's LANL Facility Manager, at 505/827-1558.

Sincerely,



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