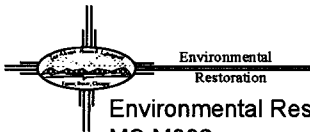


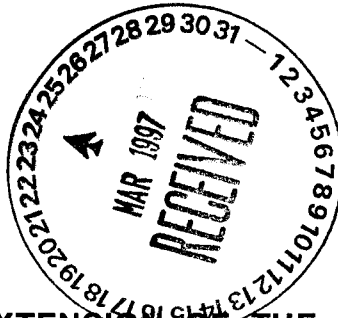
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE RESPONSE TO THE NOD FOR TA-18 AND TA-27 RFI REPORT

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Los Alamos National Laboratory would like to request an extension of the response to the Notice of Deficiency (NOD) for Technical Areas 18 and 27 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation Report. The NOD contains approximately 130 comments and requests a response within 30 days of receipt of the letter, which was March 5, 1997. The comments address numerous substantive issues. Many of the issues will require discussions between the Laboratory, the Department of Energy (DOE), and the New Mexico Environment Department after our initial responses are submitted. Substantial progress has been made on formulating the responses. We wish to ensure that sufficient time is available for internal and DOE review of the draft responses before submittal to your office. We are requesting a 30-day extension of the due date to May 5, 1997.

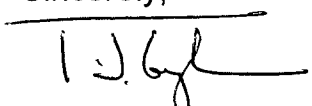
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gene Gould at (505) 667-0402 or Ted Taylor at (505) 665-7203.

Sincerely,


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