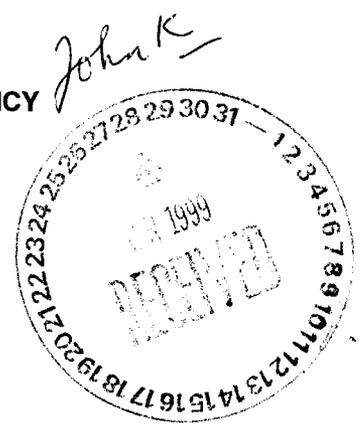




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RE: Review of LANL RCRA Corrective Action Status Report for PRS
18-003(d), LA-UR-98-4938, EM/ER:98-470
EPA I.D. No. NM0890010515

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a technical review of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) RCRA Corrective Action Status Report for the Potential Release Site (PRS) 18-003(d) in Technical Area 18, dated December 10, 1998, and has found the Report to be acceptable.

The Report contains the fifth and sixth quarter results of groundwater sampling for VOCs, SVOCs and metals conducted at the site. The sample results indicated that all inorganics (both filtered and unfiltered samples) were below the New Mexico Groundwater Quality Control Commission (NMWQCC) groundwater standards. No VOCs and SVOCs were detected above the analytical laboratory detection limits.

Since the SVOC and TAL metal analyses from previous six quarters of sampling have not detected concentration of these analytes in exceedance of water quality standards with the exception of inorganic constituents iron and manganese, LANL recommended that these analyses be eliminated from future corrective action sampling and that only VOCs be analyzed. After reviewing the previous record, EPA concurs with LANL's recommendation.



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Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Allen T. Chang of my staff at (214) 665-7541.

Sincerely yours,



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