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Jerry Bellows
Area Manager
Department of Energy
Los Alamos Area Office
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

Dear Mr. Bellows:

We hereby approve your RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Workplan for Technical Area 21. The approved RFI Workplan consists of the RFI Workplan dated May 23, 1991, and the December 10, 1991, NOD response.

You shall immediately initiate the implementation of this approved RFI Workplan, according to the schedule contained in the Workplan. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Rich Mayer of my staff at (214) 655-6775.

Sincerely yours,

Allyn M. Davis
Director
Hazardous Waste Management Division

cc: ~~Judith Espinosa~~, NMED
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- Approved RFI workplan addresses the investigation of SWMU's at the former plutonium processing plant, referred to as Technical Area 21. Types of SWMU's include former outfalls, liquid waste disposal areas, landfills, drywells, airborne surface contamination, septic tanks and drain fields, and landfills.
- LANL determined that the SWMU's at TA-21 were the most environmentally significant. This technical area is immediately adjacent to the community, and several of the SWMU's are accessible to the public. The liquid disposal SWMU's are the most significant, with a DOE estimation of 5E-05 lifetime risk.
- Although TA-21 contains a total of 118 SWMU's, only 63 of the 118 SWMU's from TA-21 are required by the permit. The remaining SWMU's were determined by EPA as needing no further action or newly identified SWMU's which DOE is recommending no further action in the workplan. In addition, there are a few newly identified SWMU's (these SWMU's were identified after the permit was issued) which have not been added to the permit, which DOE will investigate under this approved workplan.
- The first RFI Report will be sent to EPA by June of 1993 and will include the results of 43 SWMU's required by the permit from TA-21. Quarterly RFI progress reports will be sent to EPA and will include results and data from SWMU investigations during a particular quarter.