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Gentlemen:

RE: Investigation of Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL)  
Technical Area 21 (TA-21); Liquid Waste Line at Building 3  
(21-3)

On 12/06/94 LANL provided notification of discharge pursuant to  
Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) regulation 1-203. A  
discharge of liquid contaminants may have occurred at TA-21  
(Building 21-3 lateral waste lines). LANL's notification indicates  
direct evidence that the probability of a release to the  
environment is likely, and the need for additional characterization  
is needed.

NMED appreciates LANL's prompt notification. WQCC Regulation 1-  
203.A. also requires:

"With respect to any discharge from any facility of oil or  
other water contaminant, in such quantity as may with  
reasonable probability injure or be detrimental to human  
health, animal or plant life, or property, or unreasonably  
interfere with the public welfare or the use of property, the  
following notifications and corrective actions are required;  
...;" and

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"5. As soon as possible after learning of such a discharge, the owner/operator of the facility shall take such corrective actions as are necessary or appropriate to contain and remove or mitigate the damage caused by the discharge."

In order to properly contain and remove or mitigate the damage caused by this possible discharge, LANL needs to first perform an investigation.

NMED hereby requests a Corrective Action Report pursuant to WQCC Regulation 1-203 within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter. Please contact Dennis McQuillan of my staff at 827-2831 if any questions arise concerning this matter. LANL's cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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