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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF A SWMU

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified a new solid waste management unit (SWMU). The unit is a Former Sump Pit located at Technical Area (TA) 21. The SWMU was identified as a result of the discovery of additional archival information which identified this previously unknown sump. The unit has been given the unique SWMU number 21-030.

The unit was located within Building TA-21-45, which was removed by a contractor in 1954. The sump, constructed of concrete, was installed in early 1950 and operated through late 1953. It is approximately 3.5 by 4.0 and 2.8 feet deep. The unit is thought to have received waste water generated from waste stream recovery studies which were conducted in the building. The specific constituents present in the waste water are unknown but most likely included various metals and radiological constituents. Waste water from the unit discharged to the leach pits which comprise Material Disposal Area V (SWMU 21-018).

It is currently unknown if the piping associated with the unit remains in place. If so, it will be investigated as part of this unit. This unit will be added to the 1997 baseline.

If you have any questions regarding this unit or which to obtain additional information, please contact David McInroy at 667-0819.

Sincerely,

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