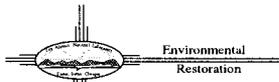


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**SUBJECT: FORMAL REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SAP FOR TA-21  
PRS 21-024(i) (FORMER OU 1106, FU 1)**

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permits Management Program approved the Interim Action Plan for Technical Area (TA) 21, Potential Release Site (PRS) 21-024(i) by letter on August 27, 1998. Within this letter, NMED requested that Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Department of Energy-Los Alamos Area Office (DOE-LAAO) formally request the withdrawal of the unapproved Phase II Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for PRS 21-024(i).

The Laboratory and DOE-LAAO formally request that the "Sampling and Analysis Plan for Potential Release Site 21-024(i) Septic System and Outfall" (LA-UR-95-4259, January 1996) be withdrawn from review by the NMED. The following are the rationale for the withdrawal:

- data that was obtained during the at risk implementation of the plan indicates that the PRS is contaminated at levels that require action;
- it is prudent to stop characterization and start remediation activities to prevent contamination from moving off-site;
- NMED has reviewed and approved the Interim Action Plan for PRS 21-024(i); and
- additional effort on the part of NMED in reviewing the Phase II Plan is not warranted.

Upon completion and reporting of the interim action, and the issues related to obtaining an integrated no further action have been resolved, a voluntary corrective action (VCA) plan will be prepared and submitted to the NMED. The objective of the VCA plan will be to provide additional information and/or remediation such that the PRS can be removed from the Laboratory's Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

NMED also requested that future TA-21 submittals include both the TA-21 baseline concentrations as well as Laboratory site-wide background concentrations (from the

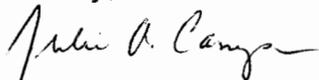


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draft document entitled "Inorganic and Radionuclide Background Data for Soils, Canyons sediments and Bandelier Tuff at Los Alamos National Laboratory" dated 3/16/98). The Laboratory and DOE-LAAO will include the requested TA-21 baseline (i.e.: "local background") information in future TA-21 documents as well as Laboratory site-wide background information where appropriate. It is important to note that the TA-21 baseline information relates only to radionuclides and may not be relevant to all areas of TA-21. Rather, the TA-21 baseline information is only relevant to areas where samples were taken to define areas that have been affected by TA-21 airborne releases.

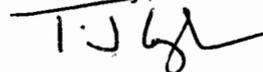
If you have any questions, please contact Dave McInroy at (505) 667-0819 or Joe Mose at (505) 667-5808.

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