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>>All:

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>>Lots has happened since the last time I sent out an email. I wish you

>>could see our site right now, almost all ready to go for the cold

>>demonstration! (Actually, if you visit the website, there are some

>>pictures of the site as activities progressed -

>><http://www-emtd.lanl.gov/subcon/ntisv.html>). Despite some adverse

>>weather, the test pit was excavated just slightly behind schedule. As some

>>of you may have heard, we found toluene in the test pit which necessitated

>>additional sampling activity and consultations with the New Mexico

>>Environment Department (NMED) which added a bit to the delay. However, the

>>State was most cooperative and allowed the work to go forward.

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>>The thermocouples were emplaced, the pit was filled with the same

>>configuration matrix as the MDA-V absorption beds; cobbles, gravel and

>>sand. After that activity was completed, the electrode casings were

>>vibrated into the test area, the electrodes inserted and the graphite

>>starter paths injected. After checking out the conductivity of the starter

>>path in relationship to the electrodes, the offgas hood was assembled with

>>all its accountrements and an overburden of gravel put in place above the

>>test pit. The hood was then lifted in place. Final assembly took place

>>last week, because the Environmental Restoration project personnel had to

>>sample "nature and extent" of the contamination at the site as requested by

>>the State.

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>>Because of the unexpected contamination which was encountered in the test

>>pit, it was decided to add a thermal oxidizer as a final polishing step for

>>any air emissions. The thermal oxidizer is expected on site Monday, April

>>12 and will be assembled and integrated into the offgas treatment system in

>>time for the start of the demo.

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>>On behalf of the project team it is my pleasure to invite you to



>>participate in the "ribbon cutting" for the start of the "cold"
>>demonstration on April 15 at 3:00 pm at TA-21, Los Alamos National
>>Laboratory. In one way or other, you have all contributed to this effort,
>>and we thank you all for your help.

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>>The melting activity will take approximately eight days, 24 hours/day. We
>>will keep you posted via our web site on the progress of the "cold" demo.
>>Sampling activities of the cooled melt will start approximately a month
>>after terminating the actual melt.

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>>Arrangements for attending the ceremony on April 15 should be made through
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>>"We have not inherited the earth from our ancestors; we have only borrowed
>>it from our children"
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