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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF REVISION 1 OF THE VOLUNTARY CORRECTIVE MEASURES (VCM) PLAN FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT (SWMU) 21-011(K), AT TECHNICAL AREA (TA) 21

Dear Mr. Young:

The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Environmental Restoration (ER) Project is formally withdrawing the "Voluntary Corrective Measures Plan for Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 21-011(k) at Technical Area (TA) 21, Revision 1", (LA-UR-02-3807) that was submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department's Hazardous Waste Bureau (NMED-HWB) on July 1, 2002 (ER2002-0420).

Subsequent to the submittal of this VCM plan to NMED-HWB, the decision to stabilize contaminated material in place was revisited based on a much reduced volume of contaminated soil identified in the field as needing remediation as well as identifying a lower rate for disposal costs. As a result, the cost of excavation and disposal of the contaminated material is virtually the same as the cost for onsite stabilization. At the same time, the Department Of Energy (DOE) has underscored its goal of minimizing the number of ER Project sites that will require long-term stewardship. As a result, the LANL ER Project and the DOE Office of Los Alamos Site Operations have determined that the excavation and disposal of radioactively contaminated material from SWMU



21-011(k) at Area G at TA-54 is more in keeping with current cost efficiencies and long-term property management strategies.

LANL will revise and resubmit the VCM plan for SWMU 21-011(k) in October 2002 and will work closely with NMED-HWB staff regarding the details of proposed changes in scope. LANL would once again like to thank Vickie Maranville, Kirby Olson, Dave Cobrain, and you for taking the time to meet and work with ER Project staff on the original VCM plan.

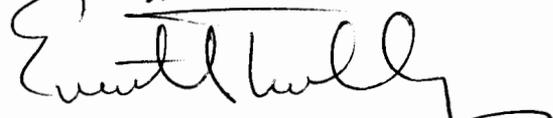
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Sincerely,



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