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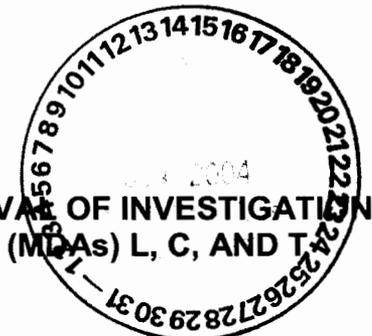
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR STATUS OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF INVESTIGATION WORK PLANS FOR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREAS (MDAs) L, C, AND T



Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and the US Department of Energy (DOE) are writing to inquire about the following documents:

- Investigation Work Plan for Material Disposal Area L, Solid Waste Management Unit 54-006 at Technical Area 54, Revision 1, LA-UR-03-9120, submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB) on December 15, 2003 (referenced by ER2003-0781);
- Investigation Work Plan for Material Disposal Area C, Solid Waste Management Unit 50-009 at Technical Area 50, Revision 1 (updated January 2004), LA-UR-03-8201, submitted to HWB on January 23, 2004 (referenced by ER2004-0038); and
- Investigation Work Plan for Material Disposal Area T at Technical Area 21, Solid Waste Management Unit 21-016(a)-99, LA-UR-04-0559, submitted to HWB on February 23, 2004 (referenced by ER2004-0090).

Based on our understanding of the Consent Order, compliance schedules negotiated by NMED, the University of California (UC), and DOE, the notice dates by which NMED was to have either approved these work plans or provided direction for UC and DOE to modify the plans have passed. Our understanding was that NMED would provide a written notice or approval, a notice of approval as modified, or directions to modify by the agreed upon notice dates: MDA L investigation work plan; March 31, 2004, MDA T investigation work plan May 31, 2004; and, for the MDA C investigation work plan June 1, 2004.

The Laboratory and DOE had anticipated approval of these plans by the agreed upon notice dates and planned our field activities accordingly. We are requesting your anticipated approval



dates for these work plans so we can adjust and reprioritize the field activities accordingly and establish new due dates for subsequent reports.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Dave McInroy at (505) 667-0819 or David Gregory at (505) 667-5808.

Sincerely,



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