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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT'S (NMED) LETTER CONCERNING THE CHARACTERIZATION REPORT FOR THE TECHNICAL AREA (TA) 21-57 ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK DIESEL FUEL OIL RELEASE SITE

Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you and Ms. Chamberlain for meeting with Los Alamos National Laboratory personnel through our conference call on March 18, 2005, to discuss the diesel contamination of soil at TA-21-57, TA-3-26, and TA-16-7.

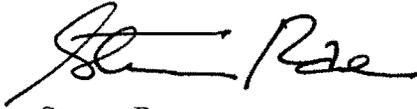
This letter addresses your February 16, 2005 response letter, "*RE: UPDATED CHARACTERIZATION REPORT FOR THE TA-21-57 ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK DIESEL FUEL OIL RELEASE SITE*" and summarizes the discussions that took place during our conference call:

- Laboratory Legal Counsel will respond separately concerning NMED's request that this site be designated as an Area of Concern (AOC).
- On March 25, 2003, the Laboratory submitted the "*TA-21-57 Aboveground Storage Tank Diesel Release, Tier 1 Evaluation*" to NMED for review and approval. The Tier 1 evaluation process was implemented as directed by NMED and the Tier 1 Report was submitted pursuant to NMED's Petroleum Storage Tank Environmental Protection Regulations, 20.5 NMAC. The Tier 1 Evaluation resulted in a "No Further Action" conclusion pursuant to 20.5.12.1202 NMAC. In view of this conclusion, the Laboratory did not propose to remove or treat diesel contamination below ground surface at the site. Additionally, discussions at that time with NMED's Hazardous Waste Bureau and Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau staff concluded that conditions at the site would likely be unfavorable for treating site contamination below ground surface.



Thank you again for your time in discussing this matter. Please contact Mark Haagenstad at (505) 665-2014 or Mike Saladen (505) 665-6085 if additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,



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