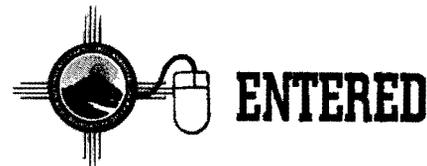




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**Subject: Clarification of the January 26, 2009, 15-Day Sampling Notification for Solid Waste Management Unit 21-014, Material Disposal Area A, and Consolidated Unit 21-016(a)-99, Material Disposal Area T, at Technical Area 21**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) is in receipt of the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) letter, dated February 9, 2009. The Laboratory's 15-day sampling notification letter, dated January 26, 2009, should have been submitted as a notification to start field activities, pursuant to Section IX of the Compliance Order on Consent. The letter was intended to inform NMED that quarterly vapor sampling will be conducted once the vapor-monitoring well is installed. In light of this, the Laboratory respectfully requests that NMED reevaluate the schedule presented in its letter dated February 9, 2009.

The Laboratory proposes to accelerate the installation of the vapor-monitoring well from June 2, 2009 (proposed in the September 1, 2008, Material Disposal Area [MDA] A corrective measures evaluation report) to April 24, 2009. The Laboratory also will submit to NMED a report of the first quarter vapor-monitoring data by June 2, 2009.

For clarification purposes, the soil samples mentioned in the January 26, 2009, letter are core samples that will be collected during the deepening of borehole 21-25262 at MDA T.

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