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Re: Notification of two solid waste management units (32-003 and 32-004) and area of concern (C-61-002)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your letter dated August 3, 1995, which notifies EPA of the discovery of two new solid waste management units (SWMUs) and one area of concern (AOC). EPA believes both the SWMUs (32-003 and 32-004) should be added to Module VIII of the RCRA permit via a Class 1 permit modification. According to Module VIII, Part G of your RCRA permit, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) should have proposed a schedule for corrective action at these two SWMUs. Both of these sites should be prioritized using the Site Ranking System, and added into the baseline schedule. Investigation and a report or remediation plan should be provided to EPA by September 30, 1997.

As more information on the AOC (C-61-002) becomes available this should also be provided to EPA. It does not appear likely that spills around fuel flare pots would produce enough residue that petroleum contamination was found at a depth of seven to eight feet below ground surface at a concentration of 750 mg/kg. LANL should incorporate this site into it's investigation schedule, and possibly conduct a soil gas vapor investigation to determine extent of contamination and the potential source.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Barbara Driscoll at (214) 665-7441.

Sincerely,


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