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Re: **Stormwater Issue at Technical Area (TA) 32**

Dear Messrs. Jansen and Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 1996, (EM/ER:96-084) subject as above. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) appreciates your bringing this matter to our attention.

On March 11, 1996, regulatory staff from the SWQB conducted a site inspection of the automotive facilities involved, verified the problem, and spoke to the responsible parties. The NMED's policy in matters such as these is to first attempt to obtain voluntary compliance from the responsible party. As result of our inspection we, at this time, have an oral agreement from the responsible parties to initiate clean-up and implementation of procedures to prevent recurrence of the problem. SWQB staff will be monitoring the progress of the corrective actions to ensure compliance with the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations.

Further, the SWQB has also identified Los Alamos County's road salt storage area as a potential source of runoff. The Bureau's Nonpoint Source Section will in the near future initiate contact with Los Alamos County regarding possible implementation of Best Management Practices to prevent runoff from their facility.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-2827.

Sincerely,

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