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Mr. G. Thomas Todd
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Re: Stormwater Issue at Technical Area 32
Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)

Dear Mr. Todd:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) proposed changes dated February 27, 1996, to Phase II sampling at potential release site (PRS) 32-004 and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) comments on this document.

Due to a number of additional possible sources of contamination, such as two auto repair shops, a car wash, a paint and body shop, a gas station and other run-off being located up-gradient from the outfall PRS 32-004, LANL must take a number of samples up-gradient from the drainage that outfall PRS 32-004 releases to. LANL will compare the results of the up-gradient sampling with the sampling at the outfall to determine what effect PRS 32-004 has had on the drainage.

Should you or your staff have any questions concerning this matter please contact myself, or Ms. Barbara Hoditschek, Ms. Teri Davis, or Mr. Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie of my staff at the above address or by telephone at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,

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