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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
2044A Galisteo St.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Los Alamos National Laboratory Sampling and Analysis Plan
for PRS 33-008(c), EPA I.D. No. NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a technical review of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Response to the NOD of the Sampling and Analysis Plan concerning Technical Area 33, Potential Release Site (PRS) 33-008(c) dated March 27, 1997. The EPA agrees with LANL's explanation on these comments raised in the NOD and recommends approval of the Plan which includes the Sampling and Analysis Plan for PRS 33-008(c), and the Response to the NOD, dated March 27, 1997.

Since LANL did not emphasize the use of composite samples in the Plan, composite samples are not allowed in the investigation; therefore, all samples must be grab samples. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Allen T. Chang of my staff at (214)665-7541.

Sincerely yours,

David W. Neleigh, Chief
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