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Dear John,

Per a discussion I had with Dave McInroy and Pat Shanley, we agreed to this expeditious and informal communiqué as a follow up to our 9/19/97 phone conversation. This note is to further advise you of work being performed in two PRSs at TA-33. We are conducting BMPs at two septic system PRSs, 33-002(a) and 33-004(a). The contents of the tanks will be removed from both units, and the tanks will be decontaminated. Waste disposal decisions will be based on the results of waste characterization data.

PRS 33-002(a) is the unit which overflowed earlier this summer, and NMED sampled the contents. This unit has been taken out of service by the operating group. ER is sealing the inlet and outlet pipes, a decision on the final disposition of the tank is pending

PRS 33-004(a) is an active unit which is suspected to have been leaking. LANL ER is working with the facility management organization to inspect the tank and piping for leaks. If we discover stained soil during this inspection we will remove it, characterize it, and dispose it properly. Based on previous RFI data we do not expect to encounter any soil with contamination above human-health risk-based criteria.

We will provide you with an informal summary report when this activity is completed. This will include waste volumes and waste disposal decisions. All information pertaining to these actions will be included in final decision reports on these units.

If you have any questions please contact me directly at 665-7444.

Sincerely,
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