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Mr. Richard Mitzelfelt, Director  
 Environmental Improvement Division  
 P. O. Box 968  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968

Dear Mr. Mitzelfelt:

Pursuant to the Department of Energy (DOE) August 18, 1988, letter to the Environmental Improvement Division (EID) regarding the recent discovery of hazardous waste in two surface impoundments, closure plans are hereby submitted for your approval. DOE considers this correspondence formal notification of our intent to close these impoundments.

In an effort to ensure environmental protection through expeditious removal, we would appreciate the prompt review of these plans. Continued accumulation of rainfall in these impoundments and its disposal as hazardous waste is resource intensive and economically burdensome. Money and resources would be spent more effectively on performing the actual closure.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Donna Lacombe of my staff at 667-5288.

Sincerely,

*H. Valencia*  
 Harold E. Valencia  
 Area Manager

2 Enclosures

cc:  
 A. Davis, EPA, Dallas, TX

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