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March 14, 1989

Mr. Harold E. Valencia  
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Re: Written report pursuant to 1-203.A. Notification of Discharge Removal,  
of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations.

Dear Mr. Valencia:

I am in receipt of the letter from you dated February 24, 1989, responding to the inquires made by this office concerning discharges from a surface impoundment near TA-35, Building 125. The February 24<sup>th</sup> letter indicated that the following measures have been implemented by DOE and the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to assure compliance with Section 1-203 of the WQCC Regulations:

1. Implementation of Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan;
2. Training of LANL employees in spill prevention and control;
3. Designated spill coordinators for operating groups;
4. Commitment to the investigation, reporting, mitigation and cleanup of all spills to health and environment standards;
5. Assure improved communications between EID and your staff;
6. Submitted a closure plan on October 17, 1988 for the impoundment near TA-35, Building 125.

This report has been reviewed by technical staff of the Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB). All reviewers have approved of the report pursuant to Section 1-203.A.7. of the WQCC Regulations, amended November 25, 1988. The SWQB would like to thank you for DOE/LANL's voluntary cooperation in this matter.

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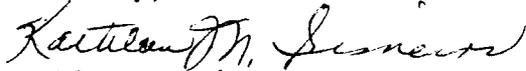


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If you have any questions, please contact Mike Saladen of my staff at 827-2798.

Sincerely,



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