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TA-35-125

Dear Concerned Citizen:

Enclosed is a fact sheet regarding a draft closure plan that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received from the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for final closure of a hazardous waste surface impoundment. The surface impoundment is inactive and is presently under interim status granted to facilities that were in operation on the effective date of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act regulations.

Copies of the draft closure plan are available for review at the offices of the NMED Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Bureau, P.O. Box 26110, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503 and at the Sunny Days Plaza Community Relations Room, 2101 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

If you wish to make comments on this proposed closure plan, they must be made in writing and be received by the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau at the address mentioned above no later than June 15, 1992.

If you have any questions regarding this draft closure plan, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stoddard at (505) 827-4300 or at the Santa Fe address given above.

Sincerely,

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CLOSURE PLAN FACT SHEET

for the

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

TA-35 TSL-125 SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT

LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

Activities: Closure of a hazardous waste surface impoundment at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act.

Facility Name: Los Alamos National Laboratory

EPA I.D. No.: NM0890010515

Location: The LANL facility is located in Los Alamos County, New Mexico, west of the city of Los Alamos. The site is in Technical Area (TA) 35.

Unit Description: The surface impoundment was approximately 31 feet in length by 29 feet in width, covering an area of roughly 900 square feet. Laser technology research was conducted in the adjacent building 125. A floor trough located inside building 125 drained to the surface impoundment located on the southwest facing rim of Ten Site canyon. The surface impoundment was built to contain accidental spills of generator insulating oil, but is subject to regulation as a hazardous waste management unit because of the introduction of degreasing compounds during cleaning and maintenance of equipment parts and building floors.

Pre-Closure Activities: Wastes are no longer managed in the TA-35 surface impoundment. LANL has completed preliminary soil sampling and analysis for closure and has excavated contaminated soils. Contaminated soils were disposed of as

hazardous waste.

**Closure of
Units:**

The proposed closure plan calls for clean closure of the unit. Soils and subsoils will be thoroughly investigated to determine if any contamination is present, and if so, the extent of contamination. All contaminated materials will be excavated, managed and disposed of as hazardous waste unless sampling indicates that the contamination is below NMED-Approved Health Based Exposure Limit Criteria.

**Closure Plan
Availability:**

A copy of the closure plan is available for public review at the Sunny Days Plaza Community Relations Room, 2101 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and at the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503. Requests for hearing must include a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must include the requestor's name and address. Only comments and requests for public hearing received by June 17, 1992 will be considered. NMED will publish a thirty day notice of the public hearing, if scheduled.

**Final
Decision:**

All comments received on the proposed closure plan during the public comment period will be considered in reaching a final closure plan approval decision. The NMED will notify LANL and each person who submitted a written comment, of any changes made in finalizing the closure plan. If, after all closure activities are complete, the closure meets the standards for closure by removal, NMED will grant clean closure of the unit and terminate interim status. If closure by removal standards are not met, the unit will be subject to post-closure care regulatory requirements.