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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

May 11, 1992

Mr. Jerry L. Bellows, Area Manager
Los Alamos Area Office
Department of Energy
528 35th Street
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544-500

**RE: DRAFT CLOSURE PLAN FOR THE TA-35 TSL-125 SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT
NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Bellows:

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) has completed a review of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Closure Plan and Clean Closure Equivalency Demonstration for the TA-35 TSL-125 surface impoundment. Based upon this review, NMED finds that LANL has supplied adequate information for public notice to be published in accordance with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-6), Part VI, 40 CFR Section 265.112 (d)(4). We are also issuing public notice in accordance with HWMR-6 Part IX, 40 CFR Section 270.1 (c)(6) for granting the clean closure equivalency demonstration and terminating interim status of the unit if we determine that approved closure activities meet the Part 264 Closure by Removal standard. The two notices are combined.

Final approval of the closure plan may contain modifications resulting from any public comments received. HRMB may also modify the plan based on additional information submitted by LANL in response to our Notice of Deficiency dated March 9, 1992. The approved closure plan must be consistent with NMED closure regulations. If additional sampling data or other field activities are required in the approved closure plan to confirm clean closure, then NMED will review the results of the additional work to determine whether or not clean closure can be granted.



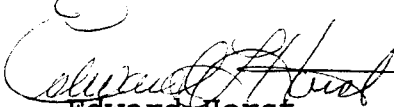
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We have enclosed a copy of the fact sheet and legal notice. You are invited to comment on the proposed closure plan during the public comment period, which ends June 15, 1992. No final decision will be made until after review of the comments received during the comment period.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stoddard of my staff at (505) 827-4300.

Sincerely,



Edward Horst
Program Manager
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

Enclosures.