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August 24, 1992

Mr. Jerry L. Bellows, Area Manager
Los Alamos National Laboratory
Department of Energy
528 35th Street
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544-5000

Dear Mr. Bellows:

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is hereby granting Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) extension request dated August 11, 1992 for the closure plan of the TA-35 TSL-125 Surface Impoundment. HRMB must receive the response package promised in LANL's August 11th letter no later than September 4, 1992. Our schedule for processing this closure plan approval mandates that any information received after September 4, 1992 will not be considered in the final approval of the TA-35 TSL-125 Closure Plan. After September 4, 1992, HRMB will write a modified closure plan based on the current information available.

Corehole Data:

If LANL is able to show by the new data presented that the vertical extent of contamination directly under the unit is known and that no contamination remains above Health-Based Action Limits, NMED will consider this portion of the clean-closure assessment satisfied. If LANL cannot make this demonstration, HRMB will modify the closure plan to include the type of further investigation deemed appropriate.

Surrounding Soils:

If necessary, HRMB may make modifications to the final sampling and analysis plan submitted for soils adjacent to the surface impoundment.



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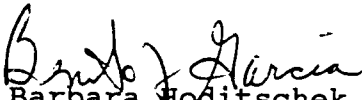
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If modifications are made to either part of the closure plan, the modified plan will become the approved closure plan. A copy of the modified plan with a detailed statement of reasons for the modifications will be sent to LANL.

Once clean closure is confirmed, NMED will grant a clean closure equivalency demonstration for the unit and terminate interim status.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stoddard of my staff at 827-4308.

Sincerely,

for 
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Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

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