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## CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Benito J. Garcia, Acting Bureau Chief Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau Environment Department Harold Runnels Building 1190 St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Enclosed for your review and approval is an application for a Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) permit. As stated in NMHWMR6 Part IX and 40 CFR 270.65, RD&D permits are required for any hazardous waste treatment facility which proposes to use an innovative and experimental hazardous waste treatment technology for which permit standards have not been promulgated. Pending approval of the permit application, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) plans to test a hydrothermal processing unit for destruction of several types of hazardous wastes commonly generated by LANL operations.

As previously discussed with Mrs. Hoditschek of your staff, LANL is submitting this application in the second quarter of FY 1993 so that your staff may begin reviewing and processing the information. If you have any questions or comments concerning this submittal, please call Jon Mack of my staff at 665-5026.

Sincerely,

LESH: 3JM-034

Joseph C. Vozella, Acting Chief Environment, Safety and Health Branch

Enclosure

cc w/o enclosure:

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