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TA-35

March 30, 1993

Dear Concerned Citizen:

Enclosed is a fact sheet regarding a 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 operating under interim status.

Copies of the closure plan are available for review at the offices of the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, P.O. Box 26110, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502 and at the Sunny Days Plaza Community Relations Room, 2101 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

If you wish to make comments on this closure plan, they must be in writing and be received by the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau at the address mentioned above no later than **April 30, 1993**.

If you have any questions regarding this closure plan, please contact Carl Stubbs at (505) 827-4308 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-85 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 34 feet in length by 24 feet in width, covering an area of approximately 816 square feet. The surface impoundment served Buildings 85 and 188. Building 85 was used for developing electron guns and related laser assemblies/equipment. Building 188 was used as a high voltage test area and later as a facility for chemical analysis (gasses only) and a machine shop. The surface impoundment is subject to regulation as a hazardous waste management unit because of the introduction of degreasing solvents and hazardous wastes from as yet undetermined sources.

Pre-Closure
Activities: Wastes are no longer managed in the TA-35 TSL-85 surface impoundment. LANL has removed the impoundment structures, completed preliminary

soil sampling and analysis for closure and has excavated contaminated soils. Contaminated soils were disposed of as hazardous wastes.

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. Any remaining contaminated materials will be excavated, and 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 87502. Requests for hearing 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 hearing received by **April 30, 1993** will be considered. NMED will publish a thirty day (30) 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 meet, the unit will be subject to post-closure care regulatory requirements.