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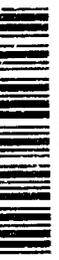
NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLOSE A HAZARDOUS WASTE SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT  
AND TERMINATE INTERIM STATUS

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The HSWA impose additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities which will be administrated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until the State of New Mexico receives additional authorization for those requirements.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (Section 74-4-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978, as amended, 1989) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-7), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) can approve or deny closure plans. NMED has received a closure plan submitted by **Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)**, EPA I.D. Number **NM0890010515**, for the LANL TA-35 TSL-85 Surface Impoundment. The unit is presently under RCRA interim status.

LANL is a contractor operated research facility under the administration of the Department of Energy (DOE) located near Los Alamos, New Mexico. 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 impound is subject to regulation as a hazardous waste management unit because of the introduction of degreasing solvents and hazardous wastes from undetermined sources.

LANL conducted field activities for closure of this impoundment in 1989 and 1990. The surface impoundment was roughly 34 feet in length by 24 feet in width, covering an area of approximately 816 square feet. Field activities conducted for closure of this



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surface impoundment included removal of wastes contained within the impoundment, removal of the impoundment and associated structures, removal of contaminated soils underlying the impoundment area, and sampling and analysis of remaining soils. Additional sampling may be required to insure no hazardous constituents impact soils, subsoils, or groundwater above NMED-Approved Health-Based Limit Criteria. If analytical results indicate that residual contamination is above NMED-Approved Health-Based Criteria, then the unit will be subject to post closure care regulatory requirements applicable to landfills.

The administrative record for this closure consists of the closure plan, a fact sheet, and related correspondence. The administrative record may be reviewed at NMED, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502. The closure plan and fact sheet may be viewed at the Sunny Days Plaza Community Relations Room, 2101 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico. To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, please contact Mr. Carl Stubbs at the above Santa Fe address or call (505) 827-4308.

Any person who wishes to comment upon the closure plan or to request a public hearing should submit written comments and requests, along with the commentor's name and address, to the Santa Fe address. Requests for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Only comments and/or requests received by **April 30, 1993** will be considered. NMED will provide a thirty day (30) notice of the public hearing, if scheduled.

NMED must ensure that the approved closure plan is consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for closure. All written comments submitted on the closure plan will be considered in formulating a final decision. NMED may modify the closure plan based on the comments received. NMED will notify LANL and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period of the final decision.

After consideration of all written comments received, NMED will approve or modify and approve the closure plan submitted by LANL. If NMED modifies and approves the closure, then NMED shall provide LANL with a detailed written statement of reasons for the modification and the modified plan will become the approved closure plan. A copy of the modified closure plan with a detailed statement of the reasons for the modifications will be mailed to LANL. If closure activities meet the closure standards for closure by removal, NMED will grant clean closure of the unit. If closure by removal standards are not met, then the unit will be subject to post closure care regulatory requirements.