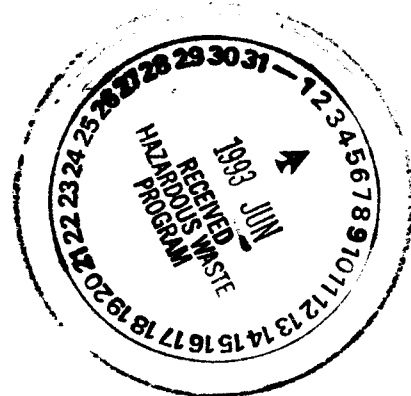




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Ms. Barbara Hoditschek, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of time to respond to the Notice of Deficiency (NOD) received for the Research, Design & Development (RD&D) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit application for the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Hydrothermal Processing Unit, NM0890010515. On May 28, 1993, Carl Stubbs (New Mexico Environment Department [NMED]), Anthony Greiggs (LANL), Jon Mack (Los Alamos Area Office [LAAO]), and Jody Plum (SCIENTECH/LAAO) met to discuss this NOD. All outstanding issues were resolved and LANL agreed to provide the needed amendments to NMED. An extension of time to submit the needed amendments beyond the due date of about June 5, 1993, was discussed with Mr. Stubbs. He agreed that if he received our response by no later than close of business on June 23, 1993, he could maintain his schedule for completion of the Administrative Review of this RD&D application. I am requesting that you allow LANL this extension of time for submittal of this information to you. Point of contact for this NOD is Jon Mack, who can be reached at 665-5026.

I would also like to inform you that Mr. Stubbs will be at LANL on June 2, 1993, to tour the subject facility and that this will allow LANL to assure that he is more fully informed of its design and capabilities. Further, this will allow LANL an opportunity to better respond to any other questions which may arise as a result of this tour, should they occur.

Sincerely,

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