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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 9, 1993

Mr. Joe Vozella, Acting Chief Environment, Safety and Health Branch Department of Energy Los Alamos Area Office 528 35th Street Los Alamos, New Mexico, 87544

RE: Resource Conservation & Recovery Act Permit Fee Assessment for the Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D)
Packed Bed Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma Permit Application.

Dear Mr. Vozella,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) concluded its administrative completeness review of the Department of Energy-Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Packed Bed Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma (PBR/SDP) RD&D permit application. A Notice of Deficiency (NOD) was sent to LANL on May 10, 1993. All items in the NOD have been adequately addressed by LANL in accordance with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-7), Part IX, 40 CFR §270.10(c).

The New Mexico Hazardous Waste Fee Regulations (HWFR-1) require the assessment of permit fees when all information is received that satisfy administrative completeness of an application. The permit fee for the LANL PBR/SDP unit is \$22,000.00. A fee statement and worksheet are enclosed. In accordance with the intent of HWFR-1, a primary consideration in assessing permit fees is the amount of staff time involved in each permitting function.

Basic Permit Fee

The basic permit fee is for review of numerous conditions common



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to all permits. These conditions are fully described in the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-7), Part IX, §270).

Unit Fee

LANL applied for an RD&D permit for their PBR/SDP Unit. The unit must be evaluated and specifications considered with respect to human health and the environment.

Public Participation Fee

A public participation fee of \$4,000.00 which is typically charged to all hazardous waste management permit applicants, has been included in the total amount. This fee is included, because, in response to the increasing level of public interest in the permitting process, the NMED now automatically schedules public information meetings in communities potentially affected by the issuance of new or modified operating permits.

Review of the application for technical adequacy will begin upon receipt of the permit fee, which is due within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this letter. Failure to pay the fee within this period may result in a permit denial.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at (505) 827-4308.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hoditschek, Program Manager,

RCRA Permits

Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

Enclosures (2)

cc: David Neleigh, EPA Region 6 (w/o encl.)
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