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Ms. Victoria Parrill
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: **Comments on the Research, Development and Demonstration
Packed-Bed Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma (RD&D1) and the
Hydrothermal Processing unit (RD&D2) draft Permits**

Dear Ms. Parrill,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received your request for a public hearing on the above mentioned draft Permits proposed for the U.S. Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/LANL). Your request for a hearing for both of these draft permits was received on December 15, 1993, during the public comment period. Your request however, failed to define the reasons as to why a public hearing should be held regarding the proposed draft Permits.

Your reasons for requesting that a public hearing should be held on these draft Permits must be received by NMED within ten (10) days of the receipt of this letter. Your response should include issues that NMED is able to address in the proposed RD&D draft Permits.

If you prefer, your letter may request that a meeting with you and DOE/LANL be held in order to fully respond to the concerns you may have. This is in accordance with (HWMR-7), Part IX, Section 902.A.4., (see enclosure) which states that, the NMED, acting in conjunction with the applicant, will respond to the request in an attempt to resolve the issues regarding the proposed draft Permits.

If we do not receive your response within the designated time, we must assume that your concerns are satisfied. NMED will then close the public comment period and make a final decision on the draft permit without holding a formal public hearing.



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