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May 4, 1994

Mr. Jerry L. Bellows, Area Manager  
Los Alamos Area Office  
U.S. Department of Energy  
528 35th Street  
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544-5000

**RE: Research, Development and Demonstration Permits for the  
Packed-Bed Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma, and Hydrothermal  
Processing Units**

Dear Mr. Bellows:

Enclosed are the final Research, Development and Demonstration operating Permits issued by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for the Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/LANL) Packed-Bed Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma (PBR/SDP), and Hydrothermal Processing (HP) Units. Your compliance with the conditions of these Permits constitutes compliance with Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for hazardous waste management for the duration of these Permits, unless modified, revoked or reissued.

On October 20, 1993 and on November 30, 1993, the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) issued public notices of the HP and PBR/SDP draft Permits respectively. Public comments were requested in a forty-five (45) day public comment period for each of the draft Permits. The public comment period for the HP unit ended on December 15, 1993; while the public comment period for the PBR/SDP ended on January 14, 1994. Several comments were received by the HRMB during the public comment periods. The comments came from members of the public, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the NMED Air Quality Bureau. Copies of these comments and HRMB responses to them are attached to the respective Permit texts, preceding the table of contents. Changes made to the proposed draft Permits are also included in the responses.



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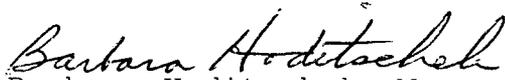
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Please contact Cornelius Amindyas of my staff at (505) 827-4308 if you have any questions on the final Permits.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Hoditschek, Manager  
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Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

Enclosures

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