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March 25, 1996

Mr. Joseph C. Vozella, Chief  
Environment, Safety and Health Branch  
Department of Energy  
Los Alamos Area Office  
Los Alamos, New Mexico, 87544

Dear Mr. Vozella:

**RE: Proposed Class 1 Modification for the Packed Bed  
Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma Research, Development and  
Demonstration Operational Permit  
EPA ID No. EPA ID No. NM0890010515-RDD1**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) has completed review of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) request for Class 1 permit Modification to the Packed-Bed Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma Unit (PBR/SDP). You indicated in the enclosure to your letter of July 14, 1995, and in the Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) permit Table of Contents, the thirteen items that you needed to modify. The Class 1 modifications are all typographic errors which have been corrected as requested by LANL.

Based upon the information which DOE/LANL supplied to HRMB, NMED hereby approves the Class I permit modification for the RD&D Treatment Unit. The effective date of the approval is your date of receipt of this letter. The proposed Class 1 changes made (indicated by highlights and strikeouts to the RD&D, PBR/SDP operational permit are shown on the first twenty five (25) pages of the attached pages. The second set of pages without the highlights and strikeouts, are the corrected portions of the permit text, with the modifications incorporated. These changes have been incorporated into the LANL RD&D operational permit text of April 21, 1994, EPA ID #: NM0890010515-RDD1. You are required to incorporate the enclosed copies of the permit modification into LANL's copy of the RD&D Permit originally issued by NMED.



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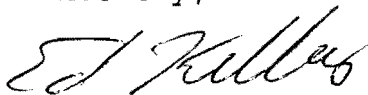
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Further, LANL is required to send a notice of the modification to all persons on the enclosed facility mailing list. This notification must be made within 90 calendar days after the change is put into effect in compliance with New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations 20 NMAC 4.1, Subpart IX, 40 CFR §270.42(a)(ii).

If you have any questions regarding the modification, please call Barbara Hoditschek or Cornelius Amindyas at (505) 827-1563.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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