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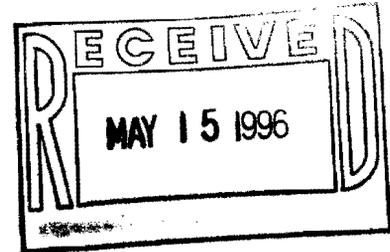
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Ms. Barbara Hoditschek
RCRA Program Manager
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New Mexico Environment Department
2044 Galisteo Street
P. O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502



Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

SUBJECT: PUBLIC NOTICE CONFIRMATION

Enclosed you will find copies of the public notice, dated April 26, 1996, for the Los Alamos National Laboratory's Class 2 permit modification request regarding the Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) Permit for the Packed Bed Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma Treatment Unit. In addition, enclosed are copies of a public notice, dated May 10, 1996, announcing the approval of Class 1 modifications to the RD&D Permit. The notices were published in the newspapers listed below. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

M. Sandra Martinez

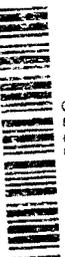
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- Enc.: (1.) Española's *Rio Grande Sun*
(2.) Santa Fe's *The New Mexican*
(3.) Albuquerque's *Journal North*
(4.) Los Alamos's *Monitor*

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Regarding its Request to Modify the Research, Development and Demonstration
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Organizational restructuring of the Laboratory and the need to provide an emergency equipment list created the need to develop a new emergency contingency plan. The requested modifications also provide that the carbon filter unit be replaced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. In addition, the modifications indicate that normal building ventilation is sufficient at the proposed new building location. Finally, the modifications provide a new Laboratory location map and a layout for the new building in which the treatment unit may be located if the modifications are approved.

A 60-day public comment period on the requested permit modifications begins on April 26, 1996, and ends on June 24, 1996. You also are invited to attend a public meeting to discuss the requested permit modifications on May 22, 1996, from 6:00-9:00 P.M., at the Los Alamos Inn, Peace Pipe Room (located at 2201 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, NM 87544). This is an opportunity for you to participate in the ongoing decision-making process for these permit modifications. We want your input.

If you would rather write your comments, please mail them to Cornelius Amindyas, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, 2044 Galisteo St., P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502, by June 24, 1996. DOE/LANL's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is also available by contacting Mr. Amindyas by mail or call (505) 827-1563. Copies of the permit, permit modification request and supporting documentation also are available for review at the following locations:

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Public Notice Announcing the Approval of Class 1 Modifications

**Los Alamos National Laboratory Announces
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The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has approved Class 1 permit modifications to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act - Research, Development and Demonstration Permit for the Packed Bed Reactor/Silent Discharge Plasma Treatment Unit. The Class 1 modifications are all editorial changes and typographic errors which have been corrected or added and incorporated into the permit by NMED, as requested by Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). These modifications became effective on March 26, 1996, and have been incorporated into LANL's copy of the permit originally issued by NMED.

Many of the editorial changes are due to recent changes to LANL's organizational structure, and the correction of typographical errors in the permit. One editorial change provides clarification that each renewal of the permit shall be for a period of not more than one year, which is defined as 365 calendar days. Some editorial changes reflect the relocation of the treatment unit to a new building location. Other changes clarify that equivalent instrumentation or equipment can be used in place of specific models or brand names of instrumentation or equipment provided in the permit. Finally, new maps and figures showing the new building location of the treatment unit have been incorporated into the permit as Class 1 modifications.

This notification is made as required by the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, 20 NMAC 4.1, Subpart IX, 40 CFR 270.42 (a) (ii). If you have any questions regarding these Class 1 permit modifications, please contact Ms. Barbara Hoditschek or Mr. Cornelius AmIndyas of the NMED at (505) 827-1563.

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