

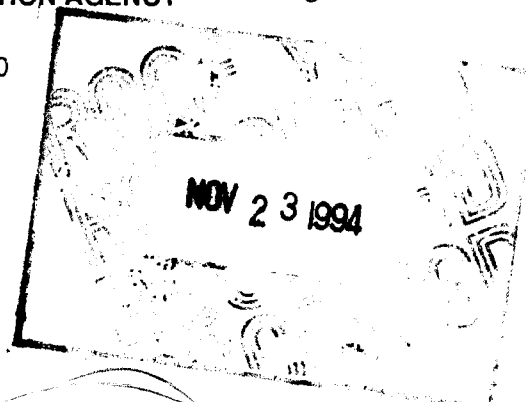


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Re: Sites 36-006 and 36-004(d) in Operable Unit 1130
Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM0890010515

Dear Mr. Taylor:

As indicated in the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) workplan approval letter dated September 23, 1994, EPA has not granted Los Alamos National Laboratory's request for deferral of investigation of these two sites. While a portion of solid waste management unit (SWMU) 36-004(d), Lower Slobbovia, is still an active firing site, another area within this SWMU, the Skunk Works, is an inactive firing site located around 2500 feet away from the Lower Slobbovia firing site. Inactive Surface disposal area 36-006 is located near an active firing site.

EPA believes that LANL should sample at both of these sites in order to determine if there are any environmental problems associated with the sites. EPA has already indicated that sampling should occur in FY95 and reports are due as specified in the RFI workplan approval letter. Sampling at SWMU 36-004(d) should concentrate on the Skunk Works area. Sampling plans for these two SWMUs should be submitted within sixty days of receipt of this letter.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Driscoll of my staff at (214) 665-7441.

Sincerely,

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