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*Site - please forward to LANL/DOE by January 16th 1998 or forward to EPA with rationale by same date. [Signature]*

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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief  
Hazardous and Radioactive  
Materials Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2044A Galisteo Street  
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Re: NOD Comment on the RCRA Facility Investigation Report (RFI) for PRS 36-005, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), EPA I.D. NM0890010515

Dear Mr. Garcia:

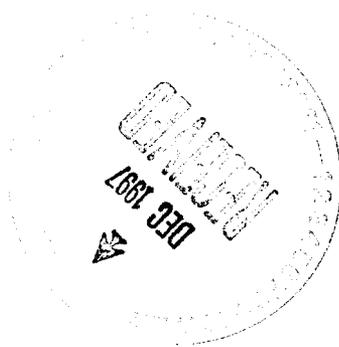
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed LANL's RFI Report for PRS 36-005, dated September 1997, and has found the Report to be deficient in one area. Below is the deficiency:

**Page 5-6; 2nd paragraph:** Please explain why a deeper soil boring was not completed at location 36-3041, sample no. AAB1860. In the RFI Report, LANL mentions that additional Phase I soil samples were taken at locations which detected surface contamination. According to Figure 5.1.3-1, this sampling location contained toluene, trichloroethene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, xylenes, and methylene chloride in the surface soil sample. However, LANL did not take a deeper soil sample at this location.

Should you have any questions regarding the above deficiency, please feel free to contact Mr. Rich Mayer at (214) 665-7442.

Sincerely,

David W. Neleigh, Chief  
New Mexico and Federal  
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