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Mr. Martin Janowski
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RE: Closure Plan Documents Availability

Dear Mr. Janowski:

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed closure plan and fact sheet for the Los Alamos National Laboratory TA-40 Scrap Detonation Site. Would you please make these documents available to the public during the public comment period which runs from August 1, 1991 until September 2, 1991? We would appreciate it if you could return this copy to us after the comment period closes.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marc Sides at (505) 827-2420.

Sincerely,

Ed Horst
Program Manager
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CLOSURE PLAN FACT SHEET
for the
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
HAZARDOUS WASTE THERMAL TREATMENT UNIT
LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

Activities: Closure of a hazardous waste thermal treatment unit at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act.

Facility Name: Los Alamos National Laboratory

EPA I.D. No.: NM0890010515

Location: The LANL facility is located in Los Alamos County, New Mexico, west of the city of Los Alamos. The site is in Technical Area (TA) 40 (New Mexico State Plane coordinates E481,920; N1,767,000).

Unit

Description: The site is roughly circular, approximately 60 feet in diameter. The TA-40 Scrap Detonation Site area is on a south-facing mesa-rim shelf. The shelf has cliffs both to the north below the mesa, and to the south overlooking Pajarito Canyon. Ignitable and reactive hazardous wastes were treated at the site from the early 1960's until April 1985.

**Pre-Closure
Activities:**

Wastes are no longer received by the TA-40 Scrap Detonation Site. LANL has conducted preliminary soil sampling and analysis for the site and identified no contamination present.

**Closure of
Units:**

The proposed closure plan calls for clean closure of the unit. Soils and subsoils will be thoroughly investigated to determine if any contamination is present, and if so, the extent of contamination. All contaminated materials will be excavated, managed and disposed of as hazardous waste unless sampling indicates that the contamination is below regulatory levels.

Closure Plan

Availability: A copy of the closure plan is available for public review at the Sunny Days Plaza Community Relations Room, 2101 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and at the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau, 1190 St. Frances Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Comment Period
and Request**

for Hearing: Any person, including LANL, who wishes to comment on the tentative decision to approve the closure plan, or who wishes to request a public hearing may do so by submitting written comments or requests to the NMED, Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau, 1190 St Frances Drive, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502. Requests for hearing must include a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must include the requestor's name and address. Only comments and requests for public hearing received by September 2, 1991 will be considered. NMED will publish a thirty day notice of the public hearing, if scheduled

**Final
Decision:**

All comments received on the proposed closure plan during the public comment period will be considered in reaching a final closure plan approval decision. The NMED will notify LANL and each person who submitted a written comment, of any changes made in finalizing the closure plan.