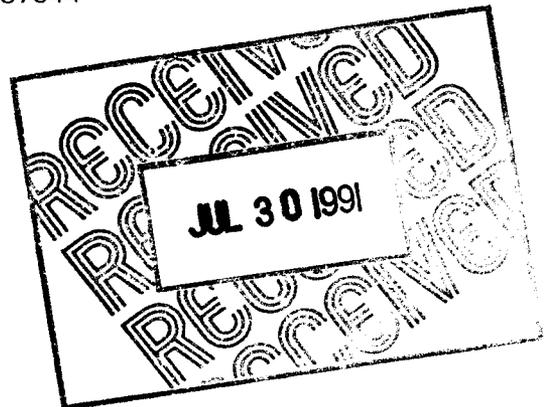




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Dear Mr. Horst:

On June 18, 1991, Marc Sides of your staff indicated verbally that our written responses to your comments of April 30 on the Closure Plan for the TA-40 Scrap Detonation Site at Los Alamos National Laboratory were acceptable. He also expressed the New Mexico Environmental Department's desire to have the comment responses incorporated directly into the closure plan so that a final version can be made available for public comment prior to final approval.

Therefore, please find enclosed Revision 1 to the amended closure plan we provided you on February 8, 1991. The text and figures have been updated to reflect your comments, and a new Los Alamos unclassified report number has been assigned to distinguish this document from its predecessor. You will note as you read this version that in addition to incorporating your comments, we have elected to make a few minor editorial changes to enhance readability and generally polish the document. These minor changes in no way impact the technical content of the document.

However, as we indicated in our response to your comment on the proposed analytical program (comment 6), we have rewritten section 4.2. of the closure plan to comply with your comment and to specify applicable SW-846 methodology. Tables 4.2.-4.4. of the February version of the plan have been replaced with a single table, Table 4.2., that lists all of the Appendix VIII and IX hazardous constituents, corresponding SW-846 methodology, and whether they will be part of the analytical program based on the capabilities of our analytical chemistry facility (HSE-9).

It is our understanding that this submittal will allow you to issue a public notice and solicit public comment in time to formally approve the closure plan by the end of September, 1991. If you have any questions,



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Edward Horst

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please contact Steve Slaten of my staff at 665-5050, or John Krueger of HSE-13 at 667-2191.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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