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Mr. Jerry L. Bellows, Area Manager
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RE: Status of TA-40 Scrap Detonation Site Closure Activities

Dear Mr. Bellows:

On September 13, 1991, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) approved a closure plan for the TA-40 Scrap Detonation Site located at the Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/LANL). An approved modification to the plan was issued by the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) on February 10, 1992.

The closure activities schedule located on Figure 6-1 of the approved document indicates that all closure activities should be complete and that DOE/LANL is currently developing the closure certification and report. The closure report is due to be submitted to the HRMB between January 25 and February 5, 1993.

We expect that the documents will be submitted on time unless DOE/LANL receives an approved change to the schedule. The reasons for requesting any change to an approved closure plan schedule as well as the time frames for submitting such modification requests are found in the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (HWMR-7), Part VI, Section 40 CFR 265.112(c)(3).

Please contact Marc Sides of my staff at (505) 827-4308 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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