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Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
Hazardous and Radioactive
Materials Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
2044A Galisteo Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Approval of RFI Report for Technical Area 42
Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Notice of Deficiency Response dated July 19, 1996, for Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) RFI Report on Technical Area 42. EPA recommends approval of the RFI Report for Technical Area 42 which contains information on the following solid waste management units: 42-001(a, b and c), 42-002(a and b) and 42-003. The approved report should consist of the RFI Report received October 16, 1995, and the NOD Response dated July 19, 1996.

LANL shall also note the following EPA comment in regard to NOD Response #1: Technically, Field Unit 4 may feel that the use of TCLP metal analysis is adequate to limit the suite of RCRA constituents. However, EPA does not concur with this assessment especially when, the object of the investigation is to determine the presence and extent of hazardous constituents rather than if material is hazardous waste.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Barbara Driscoll at (214) 665-7441.

Sincerely,

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