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**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO WITHDRAW RFI REPORT FOR TA-42, PRSs  
 42-001(a-c), 42-002(a,b), AND 42-003**

Dear Dr. Dinwiddie:

We recently received a Request for Supplemental Information (SI) for the Resource Conservation and Recovery Facility Investigation (RFI) Report for Technical Area (TA) 42. This report was submitted to your office in July 1996, and covered Potential Release Sites (PRSs) 42-001(a-c), 42-002(a, b) and 42-003.

Due to concerns identified internally in reviewing the Request for SI and the RFI Report, rather than responding to your request, we would like to withdraw the report. The area under concern was to have a building constructed immediately after submittal of the RFI Report; as such, the report addressed only very short-term, construction worker concerns. Due to Los Alamos National Laboratory funding constraints, the building was not constructed and we now feel the need to address long-term human health and ecological risk concerns.

We would like to resubmit this document once we have reviewed the adequacy of the site characterization. In addition, in order to propose no further action (NFA) for these PRSs based on human health concerns, at a minimum, and ecological concerns, if applicable, we need to have a better understanding of the expectations of you and your staff. We hope that the Document of Understanding (DOU) Core Team can resolve some of these issues with the Integrated NFA Annex to the DOU. We look forward to this annex being generated and discussed in a workshop in mid-October. We propose to resubmit the TA-42 RFI Report by November 15, 1997, assuming the October workshop is on schedule.



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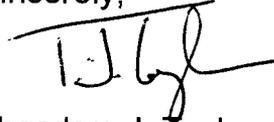
Please inform us of the acceptance of this request and call Dave McInroy at (505) 667-0819 or Joe Mose at (505) 667-5808 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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