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 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

August 19, 1996

Mr. G. Thomas Todd
 DOE/LAAO
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 Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

Dear Mr. Todd:

**RE: Request for Additional Information
 RCRA Facility Investigation Report
 Technical Area 48
 Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) has received the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) review of the Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory's (DOE/LANL) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation (RFI) Report and the Response to the Notice of Deficiency (NOD) dated May 6, 1996 for Technical Area 48. NMED HRMB agrees that additional information is necessary. DOE/LANL is requested to respond within sixty (30) days to the specific comments in Attachment A.

Should you or your staff have any questions concerning this request, please contact myself or Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie of my staff at the above address or by telephone at 505/827-1561.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT A
Request for Additional Information
RFI Report for Technical Area 48
Los Alamos National Laboratory

This RFI Report contained sampling and analysis information on the following solid waste management units (SWMUs): 48-001, 48-003, 48-005, 48-002(e), 48-007 (a, b, c, d; and f), and 48-010.

1. Ecological Risk Assessments will need to be conducted for these SWMUs following the approach which has been agreed to by the NMED and the EPA.
2. SWMU 48-005: LANL shall conduct sampling for waste line 36 which was not done in conjunction with the other lines. LANL should include this area with the other sampling plans to be submitted in October 30, 1996, or LANL shall provide a schedule for submittal of this work plan within thirty days of receipt of this letter.
3. In the NOD Response No.30, LANL indicates that these sites are regulated under the NPDES program. While the discharge from these outfalls may fall under the NPDES program, this program does not address corrective action or require cleanups of problem areas. Therefore, these sites do not meet the requirements for no further action. Analysis should be conducted for organics and inorganics in future sampling as analysis for these constituents was extremely limited during Phase I sampling.