

## MEMORANDUM

To: Ron Trueblood  
From: Ralph Ford-Schmid  
Date: 8-8-02  
Subject: Release notification at LANL, TA-48, Bld. 1

Mike Saladin called in a release notification to me at 3:00 PM Thursday, 8/8/02 because he could not reach you as you were in the field.

Saturday or Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>, LANL was performing trenching for a new building at TA-48, near Building 1. The activity is located about 50 feet from a watercourse, in Upper Mortandad Watershed.

They had removed some asphalt, began trenching, and piled up the soils next to the hole.

This week when they returned, they smelled an organic odor, like dead animals and noted discolored soils. They stopped work, sampled, and covered the exposed soil.

Preliminary results from the sampling indicate No Radiological constituents but they found ethyl & methylbenzenes and naphthalene.

The source of these contaminants is unknown and a pre-work ER Project survey did not indicate any known SWMUs or AOCs in the immediate area. There have been historical NPDES discharges in the vicinity.

Mike will follow-up with the 7-day written notification Monday, next week, along with additional information

