

TA 48



Los Alamos National Laboratory/University of California
Risk Reduction & Environmental Stewardship (RRES)
Remediation (R) Program, MS M992
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545
(505) 667-0808/FAX (505) 665-4747



U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Los Alamos Site Operations, MS A316
Environmental Restoration Program
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544
(505) 667-7203/FAX (505) 665-4504

Date: January 16, 2003
Refer to: ER2003-0042

Mr. John Young, Corrective Action Project Leader
Permits Management Program
NMED – Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East
Building 1
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6303

SUBJECT: EXTENSION REQUEST FOR THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT (SWMU) ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED SWMU AT TECHNICAL AREA (TA) 48 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL)

Dear Mr. Young:

The Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Risk Reduction and Environmental Stewardship-Remediation (RRES-R) request an extension for submission of the SWMU Assessment Report for the newly identified PRS (PRS 48-012) at TA 48 as requested in your December 18, 2002 letter. New Mexico Environmental Department of Hazardous Waste Bureau (NMED-HWB) required that this report be submitted within 30 days of receipt of the letter, which was received by LANL on December 23, 2002. We propose a submission date of May 30, 2003 to provide sufficient time to prepare a Voluntary Corrective Action (VCA) Completion Report.

As you know, the fieldwork for remediation of this site was initiated immediately upon discovery, in August of 2002, and was completed around the end of September 2002. We propose to submit a VCA Completion Report that provides a thorough assessment of this site, but also details the activities taken to eliminate potential risks to human health and the environment. This VCA Completion Report will go beyond the requirements of a SWMU Assessment Report by also providing a description of the investigation at the site, activities implemented, the results of the confirmatory sampling after the cleanup was completed, and an assessment of risks. LANL is requesting this change of reporting process because the site has already been remediated. By providing your office with a Completion Report instead of an Assessment Report, we believe we will both be more cost effective and allow your office to have more information for decision purposes.

If you have any questions, please call Gabriela Lopez Escobedo (505) 665-7352 or David Gregory at (505) 667-5808.



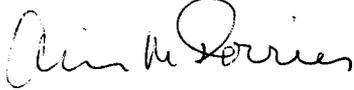
2688

Mr. John Young
ER2003-0042

-2-

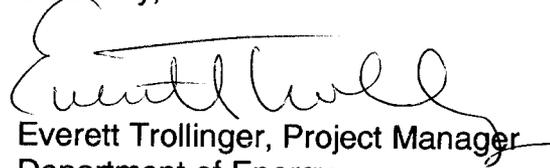
January 16, 2003

Sincerely,



David McInroy, Acting Program Manager
Remediation Program
Los Alamos National Laboratory

Sincerely,



Everett Trollinger, Project Manager
Department of Energy
Office of Los Alamos Site Operations

DM/ET/GLE/am

Cy:

L. Abercrombie, RRES-SWRC, MS K558
D. Gregory, LAAO, MS A316
S. Helmick, C-FC, MS J519
C. Jakibowski, HSR-3, MS J519
G. Lopez Escobedo, RRES-R, MS M992
E. Louderbough, LC-ESH, MS A187
D. McInroy, RRES-R, MS M992
N. Quintana, RRES-R, MS M992
B. Ramsey, RRES-DL, MS J591
M. Saladen, RRES-WQH, MS K497
E. Trollinger, OLASO, MS A316
J. Bearzi, NMED-HWB
J. Kieling, NMED-HWB
V. Maranville, NMED-HWB
J. Young, NMED-HWB (2 copies)
L. Winn, NMED-HWB
J. Davis, NMED-SWB
B. Lucas, NMED-SWQB
M. Leavitt, NMED-SWQB
J. Parker, NMED-OB
S. Yanicak, NMED-OB
E. Spencer, US EPA (2 copies)
RRES-R File, MS M992
CT File # 875
IM-5, MS A150
RPF MS M707