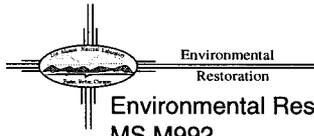


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SUBJECT: CORE HOLE 2 ABANDONMENT AT TA-49, MDA AB

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Material Disposal Area (MDA) Focus Area is planning the removal of casing and abandonment of Core Hole 2 (CH2) at Technical Area 49, MDA AB, Potential Release Site 49-001(b). The approach has been discussed with members of your staff and is scheduled to begin on or about August 27 through September 4, 1998. The casing will be removed and managed under the appropriate decontamination, free release, and/or disposal option. Any soil residue on the casing will be sampled at areas with elevated radiological readings, if elevated readings are not encountered a total of three samples will be collected and analyzed. Upon removal of the casing, CH2 will be grouted and abandoned in accordance with State of New Mexico Environment Department Ground Water Section Monitor Well Construction and Abandonment Guidelines (Ground Water Section, August 15, 1992), and Los Alamos National Laboratory Standard Operating Procedure 5.03, R0, Monitor Well and RFI Bore Hole Abandonment.

Samples will be collected as shown in the table below.

LOCATION	NUMBER of SAMPLES	SAMPLE TYPE	ANALYSES
Core Hole 2	3	Soil/residue on casing	PCBs, VOCs, SVOCs, Radionuclides, TAL Metals

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (505) 667-0819.

Sincerely,

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