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Dr. Mack C. Sewell  
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RE: Studies of Los Alamos Area

Dear Dr. Sewell:

During the public hearing for the draft hazardous waste permit for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) several people inquired about epidemiological studies encompassing the LANL region. This was constructed to include the bulk of Rio Arriba, Taos, Los Alamos, Sandoval, and Santa Fe counties. Of concern were health effects due to emission of toxic materials and/or radionuclides by LANL.

Would you please provide a listing of any known studies applicable to the above concerns and if possible a source for each. This material may affect future EID permitting decisions concerning LANL and your earliest response is solicited. If at all possible a response by October 6th would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Elizabeth Gordon or Boyd Hamilton of my Hazardous Waste Program staff at extension 2929.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jack Ellvinger, Chief Hazardous Waste Bureau  
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