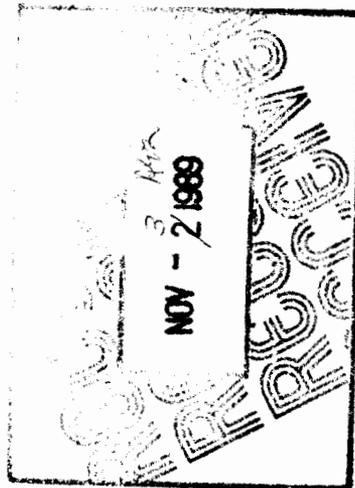


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Dear Dr. Gordon:

Enclosed are two copies of the Environmental Impact Statements for activities related to the Controlled Air Incinerator (CAI) at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, per your request. The EIS entitled "Environmental Statement Radioactive Solid Waste Volume Reduction Facility, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, New Mexico, April 1972" was the initial document prepared for the CAI. However, this document was replaced by the EIS entitled "Environmental Statement Transuranium Solid Waste Development Facility, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, New Mexico, April 1973." Both documents are provided for your information.

The CAI has not been specifically analyzed through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) since the April 1973 document. Although the CAI was mentioned in the Final EIS for LANL dated December 1979, it was not specifically analyzed. Additionally, the CAI had been included in an early version of the Environmental Assessment entitled "Transuranic (TRU) Work-Off Plan, Los Alamos National Laboratory;" however, the CAI was recently removed from this document in order to prepare a more detailed and specific document covering changes in the CAI's mode and rate of operation.

We will keep your office apprised of NEPA documentation for this facility as it becomes available for review. If further information is required, please contact Randy F. Reddick at (505) 846-4340.

Sincerely,

*The reports are in the
magazine file for LANL
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