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Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

The purpose of this letter is to withdraw the modifications for the Controlled Air Incinerator (CAI). These modifications were proposed to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the University of California (UC) for the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in April of 1993. This withdrawal is being made temporarily in order to resubmit a consolidated modification package for the CAI, containing not only those changes requested in the April 1993 letter, but also additional changes we believe are required for optimum operation of the CAI.

Following several discussions with you and members of your staff, it was determined the expedient way to proceed with the CAI modifications is to separate them from the rest of the 1993 modification package. This will allow NMED to review the changes taking place at the CAI as a total package. It will also allow NMED the opportunity to decide which changes require modifications to the permit and which types of modifications they are.

When DOE and LANL resubmit the consolidated request for modification of the CAI, you and members of your staff will be invited to tour the CAI. Additionally, DOE and UC would like the opportunity to have at least one in-depth discussion on the modifications. This would allow for the exploration and detailed description of the modifications.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue. If you should have any questions concerning this issue, please feel free to contact Jon Mack of my staff at (505) 665-5026.

Sincerely,

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