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FROM: Jody Rumm



REMARKS:

BARBARA

THIS IS TO CONFIRM OUR CONVERSATION OF JUNE 6. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH CLOSURE OPTION FOR CAI. ALTHOUGH VERBAL APPROVAL OBTAINED, WRITTEN APPROVAL WILL TAKE @ 4 WEEKS TO FINALIZE. WE HAVE MODIFICATION REQUESTS BEFORE NEEDED WITH A RESPONSE DATE OF JUNE 9. WE ARE REQUESTING A MINIMUM 4 WEEK DELAY IN THIS ACTIVITY PENDING FINAL

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APPROVAL FOR PROCEEDING WITH CLOSURE OPTION FOR CAI

I will CONFIRM THIS REQUEST BY LETTER
IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER
IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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REMARKS:
Draft letter as promised.

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LAAMEP:5JM-015

Change in Strategy for Controlled Air Incinerator (CAI)

TO: James Jackson, Deputy Director, LANL, MS-A101

In a memorandum dated March 22, 1995, DOE directed LANL to place the CAI in a "stand-by" status and adjust funding and activities to reflect minimal expenditures until after the Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement process was completed and a decision to proceed with the project was issued. Since that time, DOE's Internal Review Board met and reviewed the FY 1997 waste management budget and determined other priorities were higher and that funding would not be available to keep the CAI in reserve for possible future use.

Therefore, LANL must cancel "stand-by" plans and instead, immediately begin development of a plan to close the CAI. This plan should include a schedule and costs such that a funding strategy and request for those activities which are not currently in the budget can be presented to DOE as soon as possible. Also, the plan must address the immediate need to begin discussions with the New Mexico Environment Department and the Environmental Protection Agency in order to close out the existing permits and modify the current agreements and pending proposals for treating mixed waste.

The closure of the CAI primarily means addressing the requirements of hazardous waste regulations and the closure conditions of the operating permit issued by the State. The other priority issues to be addressed are proper management and disposition of the remaining minor amounts of radioactive contamination associated with the unit. It is not the intent of DOE to dictate any unnecessary dismantlement or demolition of the facility or its equipment. LANL should include in its consideration of this plan the evaluation of the assets of this facility and remaining equipment and the future development of options for use of the facility for future storage, characterization, and treatment of waste.

James Jackson

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 667-5105,
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