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Mr. Theodore J. Taylor
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Los Alamos Area Office
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Re: **Modification Request for Operable Unit 1147
Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed your request for a modification of RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Work Plan for Operable Unit 1147 received October 17, 1995. EPA discussed the general details of this modification on July 7, 1995, with Tracy Glatzmaier and Brian Flynn.

At that meeting, EPA expressed concern over the sampling interval of 20 feet rather than 10 feet as is normally approved. EPA also indicated that the actual modification request would need to be reviewed prior to any approval on EPA's part. EPA did not receive the modification request until after the work had been conducted.

In the future, EPA will not meet with Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) concerning any modifications to work plans or reports without a set written date for EPA receiving the actual modification request from LANL being agreed prior to the meeting. All modification requests should be submitted prior to the actual work being conducted.

A report on this initial stage of drilling should be presented to EPA prior to Stage 2 drilling being initiated. EPA will then determine if LANL may need to revisit sites already sampled for additional sampling on a closer interval. In addition, information on page 3 of this modification request related to the depths of several of the boreholes is missing and needs to be provided.



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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Barbara Driscoll at (214) 665-7441.

Sincerely,



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