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Dear Neighbor:

SUBJECT: SUMMARY of MARCH 7, 1996, CONTROLLED AIR INCINERATOR PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting on the Laboratory's Controlled Air Incinerator was held on March 7, 1996, at the Los Alamos Inn, Los Alamos, New Mexico, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The primary purpose of this public meeting was to inform the public about the Los Alamos National Laboratory's request to the New Mexico Environment Department to bring the hazardous waste operating permit up-to-date with changes made to the Controlled Air Incinerator and to discuss the proposed Hazardous Waste Closure Plan for the incinerator.

Public notices were published in four local newspapers to advertise the meetings. The notification and a fact sheet were also mailed to our stakeholders. Some of our stakeholders may have received an untimely notification, and we apologize for this inconvenience. The five local document repositories were also provided copies of the requests for permit modification. To date, five individuals have expressed an interest in a tour of the Controlled Air Incinerator. If you would like to participate in a tour on April 17, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., please call Sandra Martinez at 505-665-6771 or 1-800-508-4400 and RSVP no later than April 15, 1996, 3 PM.

Marja Shaner from the Laboratory's Community Involvement and Outreach Office welcomed everyone and introduced Ken Hargis, the Manager of Operations for the Waste Management Program Office. Ken gave a brief overview and history of the Controlled Air Incinerator and then elaborated on the incinerator's Research & Development campaigns, regulatory status and proposed schedule for closure. John Kinker, an Environmental Engineer from Benchmark Environmental Corporation, discussed the Class 2 permit modification request submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department. Facilitators were also present to aid with discussion and to write down issues and comments from the public. The attendance list indicated 17 attendees were present.

The content of public comments were recorded on "tear sheets" at the roundtable, and are summarized below.

- What plans were made for the waste that would have been treated at the Controlled Air Incinerator?
- What were factors that led to the closure of the incinerator?
- What is the prognosis of all the equipment involved with the incinerator?
- What is the plan for disposal of the equipment?
- Is this incineration technology used elsewhere?
- Will the building or facility be used after closure?
- What happens after this public meeting?
- How many days are left for public comment?

The objectives of these public meetings are to provide information to the public. We hope to foster a dialogue that is based on mutual education, trust, and understanding. If you would like more information regarding the Controlled Air Incinerator, please call Ken Hargis at 505-667-2347. The comment period ends on April 22, 1996, and comment cards will be provided for those of you who attend the tour. At the end of the comment period, the New Mexico Environment Department will make a decision regarding the Class 2 permit modification request and then consider the incinerator's proposed Hazardous Waste Closure Plan.

Sincerely,

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