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Dear Mr. Plum:

Re: **Closure Plan, Technical Area (TA)-50-37, Controlled Air Incinerator (CAI) Sampling Strategy**

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter of April 16, 1996, regarding our meeting on the Closure Plan for the CAI. My concern for Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) sampling strategy focussed on LANL's plan for providing adequate data to support a determination by the New Mexico Environment Department for Clean Closure of the CAI.

It is my understanding that language would be added to the CAI Closure Plan stipulating sampling to determine nature and extent of any releases. Specifically, sampling would include the structures within the building, building floors, etc., plus environmental media (e.g. soils) if it should be so indicated. If this is your understanding also, then I concur with your approach and there should be no further technical modification of the Closure Plan prior to the Public Notice.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-1560.

Sincerely,

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