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May 7, 1996

Mr. Thomas Todd  
Area Manager  
Department of Energy  
Albuquerque Operations Office  
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Los Alamos, NM 87544

**RE: Public Notice of Amended Closure Plan; Controlled Air Incinerator**

Dear Mr. Todd:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is in receipt of the amended closure plan (DISMANTLEMENT VERSION) for the Controlled Air Incinerator (CAI). This proposed plan represents an amendment to the permitted closure plan, Attachment E.4, of the operating permit. The amended plan changes the closure strategy from RCRA clean closure to closure and dismantlement of the CAI.

HRMB has reviewed the submittal and found that it meets the substantive requirements of 20 NMAC 4.1 (Revised 11-1-95), 40 CFR §264 Subpart G. HRMB hereby tentatively approves the amendment to the permitted closure plan, subject to public participation.

A thirty (30) day public comment period is required before a final decision can be made on the closure plan. The comment period runs from May 13, 1996 to June 12, 1996. During this period all written comments and requests for public hearing will be accepted and answered, including those from LANL.



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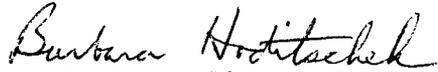
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Enclosed please find a copy of the fact sheet, legal notice and the amended closure plan pages in highlight/strikeout form. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Chacón at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



Barbara Hoditschek, RCRA Permits Program Manager  
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Enclosures

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