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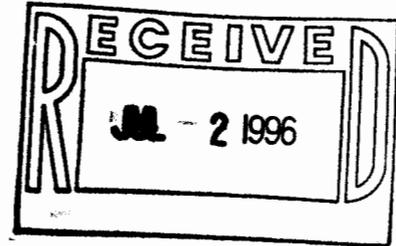
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Ms. Barbara Hoditschek
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau
2044-A Galisteo, P. O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, NM 87502



Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JUNE 20, 1996, INFORMAL PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE CLASS 3 PERMIT MODIFICATION TO ADD NINE MIXED WASTE STORAGE AREAS

An informal public meeting was held on June 20, 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 informal public meeting was to solicit questions from the community and inform the community of the proposed Class 3 permit modification request to add nine mixed waste storage areas at Technical Areas 50 and 54.

The following forms of advertising were used to publicize the informal public meeting:

- public notices were published in four local newspapers (Attachment A);
- broadcast media announcements were aired June 18, 19 and 20, 1996, on 89.9 KHFM and 1490 KRSN (Attachment B); and,
- four local document repositories were provided copies of the requests for the permit modification.

The informal public meeting was discontinued at 7:00 p.m. since public representatives did not attend. However, a number of Laboratory representatives were present at the meeting to provide technical discussion. Marja Shaner from the Laboratory's Community Involvement and Outreach Office began the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing Gian Bacigalupa, a representative for the Hazardous & Solid Waste Group. Gian provided a brief overview and history of the Class 3 permit modification request. David Yeaman, a technical representative from Chemical Science & Technology Division, discussed the characterization of transuranic mixed waste and the current space constraints in the characterization process.



In addition, a fact sheet (Attachment C) was written describing the Class 3 permit modification request and copies of the permit modification were available at the meeting. Separate large post cards with your address were also provided in case individuals who attended the meeting desired to mail their comments directly to you.

Thank you for your commitment to the Laboratory's Hazardous & Solid Waste Division. If you have any questions, please Gian Bacigalupa at 505-665-1579.

Sincerely,

M. Sandra Martinez

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Attachment A
Public Notices for the June 20, 1996,
Informal Public Meeting

**Los Alamos National Laboratory Solicits Public Comments
Regarding A Hazardous Waste Permit Modification
for Mixed Waste Storage Areas**

Los Alamos National Laboratory has submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department a request for a Class 3 permit modification to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The Laboratory has proposed to add nine mixed hazardous and radioactive waste container storage areas. The areas are located at the Radioassay and Nondestructive Testing Facility (Technical Area 54, Building 38), the Decontamination Facility (Technical Area 50, Building 1) and the Waste Characterization, Reduction and Repackaging Facility (Technical Area 50, Building 69).

The storage areas will support waste characterization activities such as x-ray scanning, visual examination and sampling of mixed waste drums in preparation for routine storage or disposal. The requested modifications provide waste types and quantities allowed in the areas, facility location drawings, mixed waste analysis plans and closure plans. Updates to the inspection, training and contingency plans in the existing hazardous waste facility permit are included to reflect current Laboratory waste management practices that apply to these new storage areas.

A formal public comment period administered by the New Mexico Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau for this permit modification will be announced later this summer. The Laboratory will hold an informal meeting to inform the community of these proposed hazardous waste storage activities and solicit questions and comments. The public is invited to attend this meeting on June 20, 1996, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Los Alamos Inn, 2201 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos. Laboratory staff members will be available at the meeting to provide additional information on the proposed permit modification. A voluntary sign-in sheet will be provided for those who wish to be included in the facility mailing list for notice of future public comment meetings regarding this permit modification.

For more information, contact Jody Plum, Department of Energy, at (505) 665-5042 or Gian Bacigalupa at (505) 667-1579. Copies of the permit modification request are available for review at the following locations:

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Attachment B
Broadcast Media Announcement for the June 20, 1996,
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**Los Alamos National Laboratory
Community Involvement & Outreach Office
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545**

RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT

**CONTACT: M. Sandra Martinez
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(505) 665-6771**

**Air Dates: June 18, 19 & 20, 1996
Kill Date: June 20, 1996**

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You are invited to participate in an informal dialogue with staff from the Los Alamos National Laboratory's Environment, Safety and Health Division on **Thursday, June 20, 1996, at the Los Alamos Inn in Los Alamos, NM, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.** Please join us to discuss the proposed hazardous waste permit modification request to add nine mixed hazardous and radioactive waste container storage areas. Comments will be addressed prior to submitting the request to the New Mexico Environment Department. Please come to our meeting on **June 20, 1996, at the Los Alamos Inn in Los Alamos, NM, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.**

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Attachment C
Fact Sheet for the June 20, 1996,
Informal Public Meeting

**HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY
CLASS 3 PERMIT MODIFICATION FACT SHEET**

for the

Technical Area 50

**Building 1; Rooms 35, 36, and 38/38A Container Storage Areas
Building 69; Indoor and Outdoor Container Storage Areas**

Technical Area 54 West

**Building 38; High Bay, Low Bay, Loading Dock, and Outdoor Container
Storage Areas**

Los Alamos National Laboratory

June 20, 1996

- Activities:** Class III Permit Modification of the Hazardous Waste Facility for the Technical Area 50, Building 1; Rooms 35, 36, and 38/38A Container Storage Areas, Building 69; Indoor and Outdoor Container Storage Areas
- Technical Area 54 West
Building 38; High Bay, Low Bay, Loading Dock, and Outdoor Container Storage Areas
- Facility Name:** Los Alamos National Laboratory
- EPA ID Number:** NM0890010515
- Location:** Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is located in Los Alamos County, New Mexico. The container storage areas are in Technical Area 50, Buildings 1 and 69, and Technical Area 54 West Building 37.
- Background Information:** The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit on November 8, 1989, to the Department of Energy and the University of California for the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The permit allows LANL to operate certain hazardous waste management units. LANL has proposed nine new container storage areas which have been determined to be Class III permit modifications by NMED. The areas will provide short-term limited storage supporting waste characterization activities.
- Effect of Modifications:** These modifications will have the effect of allowing LANL to operate new container storage areas for the purpose of staging hazardous and mixed waste containers during waste characterization activities. The availability of short term storage near the waste characterization processes should allow safe, efficient staging of the containers with less need for separate transport and resulting road closures. The waste containers will

be moved back to long term dedicated storage after characterization.

Permit Modification Availability:

Copies of the proposed permit modification are available for public review weekdays between 8 am and 5 pm at the LANL Outreach Center, 1350 Central Avenue, Suite 101, Los Alamos, NM 87544, Phone (505) 665-2127, and during normal business hours at the following locations:

Taos Outreach Center 630 Paseo del Pueblo Sur Taos, NM 87571 Phone (505) 751-3405	Santa Fe Public Library 145 Washington Avenue Santa Fe, NM 87501 Phone (505) 984-6781
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Public Meeting: The public is invited to attend an informal informational meeting scheduled for June 20, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at the Los Alamos Inn, 2201 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos. DOE, and LANL staff members will be available at the meeting to provide additional information on the proposed Class III permit modification.

Comment Submittal:

The purpose of the June 20, 1996 meeting is to inform interested persons of the proposed mixed waste storage activities and to solicit questions from the community. Any person who wants to comment on the proposed Class III permit modification may do so in person and/or submit comments or materials at the meeting. A voluntary sign-in sheet will also be provided at the meeting for those persons who would like continuing involvement in the permit modification process for these facilities. A summary of the meeting, in addition to any received comments, will be forwarded to the NMED, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, to assist the agency's review of the permit modification request. A formal public comment period and opportunity to request a public hearing will be announced by NMED later this summer.

Final Decision: LANL is forwarded report on this meeting and any comments received by NMED during the formal public comment period will be considered by NMED before a final decision is reached on the permit modification request. NMED will notify LANL, and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period, of the final decision or of any public hearing which may be scheduled. The final decision will require that activities at these container storage areas be conducted according to applicable State and Federal laws and with the terms approved in the permit modification.