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Dear Mr. Dinwiddie:

Subject: Follow-up on Issues from the March Monthly Meeting

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on a number of issues that were discussed at the March monthly meeting. At that meeting, we spent some time discussing the recent approval of the RANT/WCRRF/TA-50-1 Decon Facility application and issues concerning the completion of the closure of the CAI.

One of the issues that you clarified concerned whether the TA-50-1 Decon Facility was included in the approval. To us it was unclear in your transmittal letter because the other two units were mentioned by name and the Decon Facility was not. You confirmed that the TA-50-1 Decon Facility was included in your approval of the RANT/WCRRF facilities.

We discussed the WAP that was approved in this application and how it applied to the TWISP application that was submitted in "93" and that later received "conditional" approval. With the approval of the WAP (the same one developed for TWISP in response to a NMED NOD) in the current application for RANT/WCRRF/TA-50-1 Decon Facility, we asked if the TWISP application was now complete and approved. Steve Zappe of your staff confirmed that it was and that we could begin activities at TWISP. We asked if this approval could be provided in writing to make it official and Mr. Zappe agreed to do that.

We asked when we could expect implementing language on each of these application approvals. NMED stated that the amended language for the permit would reflect the information contained in the application and that the amended permit would be sent soon.

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In the interim, you stated Los Alamos National Laboratory would operate according to the information contained in the applications.

We discussed the completion of the closure of the CAI. We had concerns over addressing the portions of equipment that would be left behind and not be "closed" with the rest of the incinerator. We mutually agreed that the stack, HEPA filtration bank, plenum and associated ducts and fans had further use for operations in TA-50-37, that the RAMROD application would be amended to include this equipment, and that closure activities for RAMROD would address this equipment. The revision would be a matter of changing out a few pages, and since NMED had not begun the review of this application, this would be acceptable.

We would appreciate your review and concurrence of these issues so there is a record of our interactions. This will eliminate any possible questions arising in the future as a result of the Environmental Protection Agency review or other activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss these issues with you and your staff and we look forward to future interactions with NMED.

Sincerely,



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