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 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

April 21, 1998

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Dr. John C. Browne, Director
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**RE: Approval of Withdrawal of Permit Modification
 Radioactive Materials Research, Operation and Demonstration (RAMROD) Facility Mixed
 Waste Container Storage Areas at Technical Area (TA) 50-37
 Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)
 NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Todd and Dr. Browne:

HRMB is in receipt of a letter from Department of Energy (DOE)/LANL, dated February 24, 1998 regarding the withdrawal of the RAMROD Permit Modification and the activities at TA-50 building 37. DOE/LANL request that waste being characterized, segregated and verified at the RAMROD facility during the work week may remain in the gloveboxes at the end of a given work shift. The waste would be left in the gloveboxes until the next day when it would continue to be sorted. At the end of the work week and prior to holidays the waste would be cleaned from the gloveboxes.

Subsequent discussions between HRMB and DOE/LANL were followed by a letter from DOE/LANL dated March 31, 1998 regarding the withdrawal of the RAMROD Permit Modification due to the fact that the waste at the RAMROD facility is WIPP bound. The WIPP TRU waste is considered newly generated once the drums are opened and emptied. Since the WIPP TRU waste stream is newly generated waste the waste can be subjected to the less than 90 day storage area requirements for the containers attached to the gloveboxes and for other activities associated with the waste characterization.



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HRMB hereby approves the management of the waste as indicated in the February 24, 1998 letter and the RAMROD Permit Modification application, Attachment 4-1. The waste within the sort and segregate and drum coring gloveboxes shall be removed at the end of the work week and prior to holidays. The waste is not to be left in the gloveboxes over the weekend and holidays. The storage of the waste is subject to the less than 90 day storage requirements.

This letter also approves the withdrawal of the RAMROD Permit Modification TA-50-37 dated December 1996. During the renewal process of the permit the storage areas within TA-50-37 will be included as part of the TA-50 specific part B application, expected to be submitted in July 1998.

If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact me or Mr. John Kieling of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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