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Mr. Benito Garcia, Bureau Chief
 Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
 New Mexico Environment Department
 2044 Galisteo Street, Building A
 P. O. Box 26110
 Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Subject: Withdrawal of TA-50 Modular Storage Building 138

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, remove the TA-50 Modular Storage Building 138 from its list of active Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) Units. The rationale for this request is based on the fact that the TA-50 Modular Storage Building 138 was never built. This site was initially identified as a TSD unit at the Los Alamos National Laboratory to allow for flexibility in storing waste generated from the Batch Waste Treatment Unit at TA-50-1, Room 24. With the passage of time, the advent of new regulations, fees, and changes in various programs, it has been determined that this site will not be built or used for waste storage activities.

The following is a brief history of the site for your information and to assist you in your review of this request:

TA-50 is located on a finger mesa bounded by Mortandad Canyon to the north and by Two Mile Canyon to the south. Mesa-top elevations at TA-50 range from approximately 7,250 to 7,280 feet amsl. TA-50 contains facilities for treatment and storage of radioactive, hazardous and mixed waste (LANL, 1995).

The TA-50 Modular Storage Building 138 was initially considered for permitting to store waste from the Batch Waste Treatment Unit at TA-50-1, Room 24. With the passage of time and changes in various programs, it was determined that the Batch Waste Treatment Unit would no longer be used for waste treatment activities and was closed under RCRA. With the closure of the Batch Waste Treatment Unit, the plan for constructing the Modular Storage Building became obsolete.



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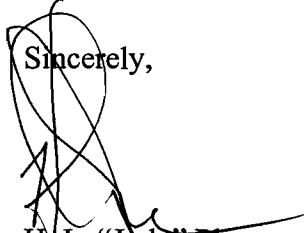
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Enclosed is a certification by the operating Division (Environmental Management) testifying that the Modular Storage Building 138 was never purchased and, therefore, has never been used to store hazardous waste.

We regret if this activity has caused any inconvenience to you or your staff. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please feel free to contact either Jack Ellvinger at (505) 667-0633 or me at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,



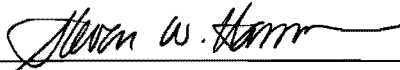
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Enclosure

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the proposed TA-50-138 Modular Storage Building was never built and therefore no mixed or hazardous waste was ever stored at the unit.



Steven W. Hanson
Group Leader for Environmental Management-
Radioactive Liquid Waste Group

10-22-98

Date



Thomas E. Baca
Division Director for Environmental Management

10/23/98

Date