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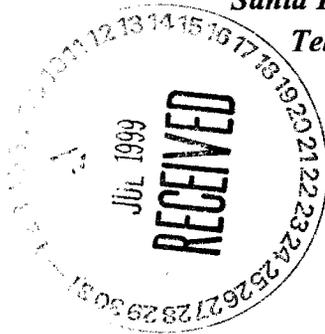
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June 30, 1999

David Gurule, Area Manager
Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office
528 35th Street
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

RE: Public Hearing, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility (TA-50), DP-1132

Dear Mr. Gurule:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) has received comments and requests for a public hearing for the approval of the groundwater discharge plan for the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility (RLWTF), DP-1132, located in Los Alamos, New Mexico in Section 22, T19N, R6E, Los Alamos County.

On May 4, 1999, the Cabinet Secretary of NMED determined there is significant public interest in the approval of DP-1132, and a public hearing will be held pursuant to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulation 3108.E. The GWQB technical review of the discharge plan is currently ongoing. Once the discharge plan has been deemed technically complete, a public hearing will be scheduled. Interested participants will be notified of the hearing by mail and a notice will be published in local newspapers at least 30 days in advance of the hearing with the date and location of the hearing. For your information, a copy of the flow diagram describing the discharge plan process and a copy of WQCC Regulation 3110 which details the public hearing participation process have been enclosed.



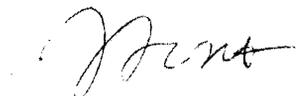
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Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Bustamante at 827-0166 or Phyllis_Bustamante@nmenv.state.nm.us, or Dale Doremus at 827-2945 or Dale_Doremus@nmenv.state.nm.us.

Sincerely,



Marcy Leavitt, Chief
Ground Water Quality Bureau

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enc: Discharge Plan Processing Flow Chart
WQCC Regulation 3110

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