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Dear Mr. Will:

Subject: Closure Activities at Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL)

The purpose of this letter is to formalize Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) intent to close at risk a number of waste management units at the laboratory. According to your directions any units not included in the permit must submit a closure plan and implement it. We have discussed this several times over the last 6 months and I confirmed it with John Kieling a month ago at your offices in Santa Fe,

LANL has submitted closure plans for several storage units at TA-50 as a requirement of the TA-50 Permit Fee Settlement Agreement. LANL has begun to implement those plans at risk pending the Hazardous Waste Bureau's (HWB) approval of those plans. The units being closed at TA-50 include the storage unit in room 59 of building 1, the outside chemical storage structure TA-50-114, and the storage locations within TA-50-37. A clean closure is planned for each of these locations.

In addition to the above, LANL has chosen to close the treatment/storage tanks located at TA-54 Area L. These two tanks have been used to treat barium-contaminated sands and now are no longer needed. The plan for this closure has been submitted and the closure is being implemented. A clean closure for these two tanks is anticipated also.

LANL is developing and will submit to HWB a plan for clean closure of the B38 storage location at TA-55-PF4. That plan is now being finalized and certified by DOE and UC management. It is anticipated the plan will be submitted to HWB by the middle of this month. Implementation of that plan will begin shortly after its submittal.

The closure of the open burn units, 401 and 406, at the TA-16 burn grounds is being considered. Members of LANL have met with Lee Winn of your staff to discuss some issues concerning this





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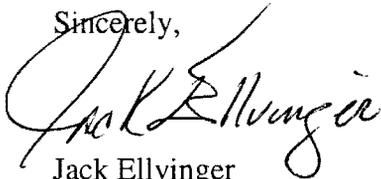
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Closure. Another meeting was envisioned at the close of the first one to give both LANL and HWB the opportunity to further explore the issues involved with these units. A plan will be developed based on final discussions and then submitted to HWB. LANL will implement that plan at risk as with all of the above closure plans.

As a result of these activities, when LANL revises the various TA specific applications and the General Part B these sites will be removed. Additionally, many of these closures were foreseen and were included as units to be closed in the most recently submitted (August 2002) Part A. That Part A will be revised again when the closures are completed, certified by an independent engineer and approved by HWB.

If you should have questions concerning this letter or the closure plans already submitted or those still in the developmental stages, please contact me at (505) 667-0633.

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