

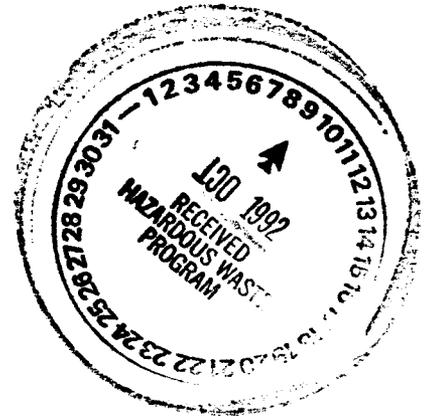


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Mr. Edward Horst
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New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Horst:

The Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) are in receipt of the New Mexico Environment Department, Radioactive and Hazardous Waste Bureau's September 8, 1992, letter assessing the permit fee for the Technical Area 53 Surface Impoundments. That letter was received by DOE on September 16, 1992. Your letter states that failure to pay this fee within 30 days of the date of the letter will result in the denial of that permit application.

DOE and LANL are having a difficult time meeting the imposed deadline due to the relatively short time frame for reply associated with this particular time of year. The first of October is the beginning of the federal fiscal year and, as you may be aware, a time of turmoil. The purpose of this letter is to formally seek an extension until October 23, 1992, for the payment of this fee.

Your earliest possible response to this request would be appreciated. Please contact Jon Mack of my staff at 665-5026 with any questions on this issue. Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

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