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Barbara Hoditschek  
Permitting Program Manager  
Hazardous Waste and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
525 Camino de Los Marquez  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm your verbal approval of a requested 30 day extension from the October 23, 1992 due date for submittal of the Technical Area 53 Mixed Waste Surface Impoundments' permit fee. As has been discussed with your staff, the extension is needed to consider the possible option of pursuing closure of these units instead of an operating permit. The Department of Energy would like to discuss this option with you and we will be calling you next week to request a meeting.

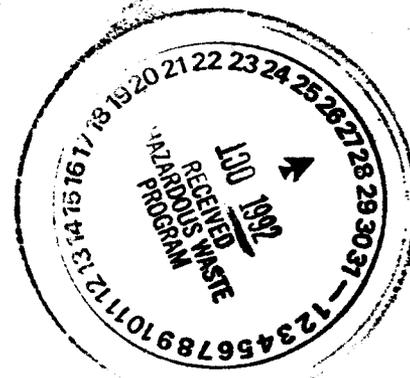
If you have any questions, please call Jon Mack of my staff at 665-5026.

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