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Ms. Barbara Hoditschek
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Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

The following information is an update on the status of the Technical Area 53-166-S surface impoundment. This is in response to your letter dated March 23, 1993.

The issue of the radioactive impoundment is a complicated one. A number of issues need to be settled prior to the final determination of the fate of this impoundment. To that end, the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) has set up a meeting between the user groups and the LANL Environmental Management Division (EMD) Office to determine the scope of the information required to make an appropriate management decision on this issue. That meeting is scheduled for March 31, 1993.

Once the scope of the issue is delineated and the necessary supporting material developed, the EMD will present a recommendation to the Los Alamos Area Office management for evaluation. You will be kept informed of the progress made on this issue.

If you should have any questions concerning this issue, please feel free to contact Jon Mack of my staff at 665-5026.

Sincerely,

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