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Mr. Jim White, Section Leader
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Project No. 301215.01.01

Visual Site Investigation
Technical Area 53 Surface Impoundments

Dear Mr. White:

On December 5, 1991, Mr. Jack Ellis, the International Technology (IT) Corporation Health and Safety Officer for the Los Alamos Office conducted a visual site investigation of the surface impoundments at Technical Area 53. Though access could not be obtained to view all three impoundments, it was noted that the Northwest and Northeast impoundments were both covered with ice. Mr. Ellis assessed that the ice covering the impoundments poses a threat to IT sampling personnel; therefore, IT personnel will not be able to sample the impoundments until such time as they are free of ice. Based on information obtained from Mr. Glen Bryant, Johnson Control-World Services, if the winter is severe there may be ice on the impoundments until May.

IT would like to thank Alice Barr for her assistance in obtaining permission for and accompanying IT on this site inspection. Please feel free to contact me at 662-1200 if IT can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

IT Corporation

Boyd Hamilton
Phase Manager

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