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Dear Mr. Garcia:

Subject: Request for a 60-Day Extension for Response to the July 18, 1996 New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Letter Requiring the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Submittal of a Closure Plan or a Revised Part B Application for the South Impoundment for Technical Area (TA) 53

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on the phone conversation with Stuart Dinwiddie of your staff on January 7, 1997. In that conversation, we discussed the need for an extension of the above issue. The time is needed for NMED and LANL to resolve the issue of whether the South Impoundment at TA-53 is in the RCRA system or not.

LANL submitted a data package covering the sampling completed to date at that unit. We have asked NMED to review that package and approve the removal of the unit from the RCRA system based on the information submitted. We have been asked to submit a closure plan or a revised Part B by NMED in a July 18, 1996 letter. The due date is January 15, 1997. In our discussion, we agreed that more time was needed to review the data package and reach a determination. We agreed to a 60-day extension from the January 15, 1997 date. We agreed that we would submit this request in writing.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter, please feel free to contact me at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,

for H. L. "Jody" Plum
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