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September 23, 1997

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**RE: Approval of the Interim Action Completion Report  
Potential Release Site 53-002(a)  
Los Alamos National Laboratory  
NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Todd and Dr. Hecker:

The RCRA Permits Management Program (RPMP) of the New Mexico Environment Department has reviewed and approves the Interim Action Completion Report for 53-002(a) dated September 25, 1996 and transmitted to HRMB by EM/ER:96-513. LANL is advised that approval of this document does not preclude the requirement for future corrective action activities under the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Mr. John Kieling, RPMP's LANL Facility Manager, at (505) 827-1558.

Sincerely,

  
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