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March 27, 1998

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RE: TA-53 Surface Impoundments
Los Alamos National Laboratory
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Dear Mr. Taylor and Dr. Browne:

The RCRA Permits Management Program (RPMP) of the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) would appreciate an update regarding the South Impoundment at TA-53, Solid Waste Management Unit 53-002(b). It is the RPMP's understanding and concern that DOE/LANL is considering a different approach regarding the South Impoundment. The RPMP is expecting an RFI Workplan for the three TA-53 Surface Impoundments on April 30, 1998.

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

Sincerely,


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