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Robert S. Dinwiddie, PhD  
Manager, RCRA Permits Program  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2044 Galisteo Street, P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Dr. Dinwiddie:

**Subject: Response to New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) Request for Certification of No Discharge to TA-53 Surface Impoundments.**

As you requested during the January 22, 1999, meeting between NMED, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), and the U.S. Department of Energy on the RFI Workplan/SAP for the TA-53 Surface Impoundments, this letter provides verification that no liquid waste has been discharged to the south Radioactive Liquid Waste (RLW) impoundment since December 31, 1998. You are also probably aware that wastewater discharges to the two north impoundments ceased upon completion of the Sanitary Wastewater System Consolidation (SWSC) project in 1992.

LANSCE Division remains committed to the cessation of all discharges to this impoundment in the future, as I communicated to John Kieling of your staff on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 1999. It is anticipated that the new RLW Treatment System will be constructed and fully operational by June 30, 1999.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 667-4882. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Alex A. Puglisi*

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Attachment: LANSCE Certification Statement

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that no radioactive liquid waste has been discharged to the impoundments at TA-53 (LANSCE) since December 31, 1998. It is LANSCE Division's intent that no future discharges will occur.

  
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James R. Fraser  
Facility Manager, TA-53

1 Feb 99  
Date

  
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Roger Pynn  
LANSCE Division Director

2 Feb 99  
Date