



GARY E. JOHNSON  
GOVERNOR

State of New Mexico  
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Surface Water Quality Bureau  
Harold Runnels Building  
1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O. Box 2611  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-6110  
Telephone (505) 827-0187  
Fax (505) 827-0160



Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested

Z 128 816 030

March 1, 1999

Mr. Harvey Decker  
Los Alamos National Laboratory  
Water Quality Hydrology Group  
Mail Stop: K497  
Los Alamos, NM 87545

RE: Notice Of Intent To Discharge Potable Water, TA-53-364 Enclosed Tank, Astronomical Project

Dear Mr. Decker:

The New Mexico Environment Department-Surface Water Quality (NMED-SWQB) has received your letter requesting "authorization" for the discharge of approximately 68,000 gallons of potable water from an enclosed steel tank located at TA-53-364. DOE/LANL plans to discharge the water from this tank into the same drainage that was used to discharge water from the TA-53 "Milagro" project pools. Discharge of this water is expected to last for several days and occur at a rate of approximately 20,000 gallons per eight hour day. This letter was discussed with the NMED-Groundwater Quality Bureau (GWQB) who will respond under separate cover.

Based on your letter, NMED-SWQB reminds DOE/LANL that a discharge of this nature, may require the issuance of a NPDES permit as required by the Clean Water Act. Therefore, NMED-SWQB recommends that DOE/LANL contact the Region 6 EPA office to verify this determination.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, feel free to call either me, or Ms. Barbara

HswA LAMC 2/1100/53

Tk



4510

Mr. Decker  
NOI:TA-53-364  
March 1, 1999  
Page 2

Hoditschek of my staff at (505) 827-2933.

Sincerely,



Glenn Saums  
Program Manager

cc: Phyllis Bustamante, GWQB  
John Kieling, HRMB  
Steven Rae, ESH-18, MS 497  
J. Ferguson, EPA, Region 6  
File: LANL:TA-53:1201