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Mr. Harold E. Valencia
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Los Alamos, NM 87544

RE: NM 0890010515

Dear Mr. Valencia:

In response to your letter of December 5, 1988, the Environmental Improvement Division (EID) has no objection to the LANL request to partially close the existing surface impoundments at TA54, Area L. The closure plan for these impoundments should be modified in accordance with HWMR-5, Part VI, Section 265.112.(c) to reflect this action. The Laboratory presently has on file with the EID a closure plan for these impoundments and the disposal shafts at Area L. If you wish to activate that plan the EID will endeavor to expedite the approval process. I wish to remind you that this temporary backfill may not satisfy the closure criteria of HWMR-5, Part VI, Subpart G and additional work may be required.

The EID cannot approve in advance the expansion of the storage units at Area L. Please submit relevant documentation in accordance with HWMR-5, Part IX, Section 270.72 for our review.

If you have any questions please call me at 827-2923.

Sincerely,

C. Kelley Crossman

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