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Dear Concerned Citizen:

Enclosed is a fact sheet regarding a draft closure plan that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received from the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for final closure of hazardous waste storage tanks. The storage tanks are presently under interim status granted to facilities that were in operation on the effective date of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act regulations.

Copies of the draft closure plan are available for review at the offices of the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 525 Camino de Los Marquez, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502 and at the Sunny Days Plaza Community Relations Room, 2101 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico. If you wish to make comments on this draft closure plan, they must be made in writing and be received by the NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau at the Santa Fe address given above by July 20, 1992. Please address your correspondence to the attention of Marc Sides.

If you have any questions regarding this draft closure plan, please contact Marc Sides at (505) 827-4300 or at the address above.

Sincerely,

Herb Grover, Permitting Supervisor  
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**CLOSURE PLAN FACT SHEET**

for the

**LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORIES**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE TANK UNITS**

**June 19, 1992**

**Activities:** Closure of hazardous waste storage tanks under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act.

**Facility Name:** Los Alamos National Laboratory

**EPA I.D. No.:** NM0890010515

**Location:** The hazardous waste storage tanks are located in Technical Area (TA) 54 Area L of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). LANL is located west of the city of Los Alamos in Los Alamos County, New Mexico.

**Unit**

**Description:** While in operation the waste oil storage tanks were located in the central portion of TA-54 Area L within an area of approximately 2,500 square feet. The six units proposed for closure are: one truck-mounted stainless steel tank; one steel rectangular tank, and four saddle-mounted cylindrical fiberglass tanks. Combined maximum storage capacity of the tanks is 13,802 gallons. Materials stored in the tanks consisted exclusively of waste oil from throughout the Laboratory. The waste oil was a characteristic hazardous waste. The units were not equipped with secondary containment systems while they were in operation.

**Pre-Closure  
Activities:**

Liquids were removed from the six tanks prior to being transported to Area G in 1989 for residuals removal and decontamination. Residuals removal and decontamination procedures were completed, and all wastes generated from those operations were disposed as hazardous waste at an off-site permitted facility.

**Closure of  
Units:**

The proposed closure plan calls for clean closure of the units. Decontamination activities were

completed by August 1990. The tanks were cleaned and the rinseate tested. Analytical results from the final cleaning of the tanks showed no contamination. No sampling and analysis plan for soils, subsoils, or groundwater is contained in the closure plan.

**Closure Plan  
Availability:**

A copy of the closure plan is available for public review at the Sunny Days Plaza Community Relations Room, 2101 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and at the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 525 Camino de Los Marquez, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502.

**Comment Period  
and Request  
for Hearing:**

Any person, including LANL, who wishes to comment on the closure plan, or who wishes to request a public hearing may do so by submitting written comments or requests to the NMED, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, 525 Camino de Los Marquez, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Attention: Marc Sides. Requests for hearing must include a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must include the requestor's name and address. Only comments and requests received by July 20, 1992 will be considered. NMED will publish a thirty day notice of the public hearing, if scheduled.

**Final  
Decision:**

After consideration of all comments received, and as a result of the NMED's further technical review, the NMED will approve, modify, or disapprove the closure plan submitted by LANL. If the NMED does not approve the plan, the NMED shall provide LANL with a detailed written statement of reasons for the refusal. The NMED will require LANL to modify the plan or submit a new plan for approval within thirty (30) days after receiving the detailed written statement. The NMED will approve or modify this plan in writing within sixty (60) days. If the NMED modifies the plan, this modified plan becomes the approved closure plan. The NMED must assure that the approved plan is consistent with applicable closure regulations. A copy of the modified plan with a detailed statement of reasons for the modifications will be mailed to LANL.