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February 5, 1997

Mr. G. Thomas Todd, Area Manager  
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Los Alamos, NM 87544

Dear Mr. Todd:

**RE: Approval of the Closure Certification Report for the Partial Closure of Treatment/Storage Tanks at Technical Area 54, Area L  
EPA I.D. No. NM 089 001 0515**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is in receipt of the DOE/LANL (LANL) Closure Certification Report dated December 1996, for the Partial Closure of two of four Storage/Treatment Tanks at Technical Area 54, Area L, Revision 1.0. Revision 1.0 incorporates responses to HRMB comments on the October 1994 Closure Certification Report. The Closure Certification Report is a requirement of LANL's Operating Permit at Attachment E.8.8 and E.8.11.

HRMB has completed an administrative and technical review of Revision 1.0 and finds that it is complete and technically adequate. HRMB acknowledges that closure of the two tanks was not according to the approved closure plan; dated January 30, 1995, however, disposal of the tanks in a RCRA-permitted hazardous waste landfill constitutes equivalent closure procedures and is more protective of human health and the environment. The Closure Certification Report dated December 1996, for the Partial Closure of two of four Storage/Treatment Tanks at Technical Area 54, Area L, Revision 1.0 is hereby approved.



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If there are any questions please feel free to contact either Mr. Robert S. "Stu" Dinwiddie or Mr. Michael Chacón of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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