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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 12, 1997

Mr. Bruce Twining, Manager
Department of Energy
Albuquerque Operations Office
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Dear Mr. Twining:

RE: Transuranic waste shipments to Los Alamos National Laboratory

Earlier this week, the DOE transferred transuranic waste from the Pantex facility in Amarillo, Texas, to the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in New Mexico. DOE has asserted that the purpose of this shipment, and possible future shipments from Sandia National Laboratories, was to consolidate transuranic waste in a central location for eventual disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad. Because LANL's hazardous waste facility permit forbids receipt of hazardous or mixed waste from offsite locations, NMED needs evidence that any waste shipments accepted by LANL have been adequately characterized to preclude both hazardous and mixed wastes. Please provide NMED with all characterization data and supporting information for these past and any future waste shipments to LANL to support DOE's position that these are either non-hazardous or transuranic, non-mixed wastes.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ed Kelley in cursive.

Ed Kelley, Ph.D.
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cc: G. Thomas Todd, DOE/LAAO
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