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RE: ASPHALT MANAGEMENT

Dear Mr. Garcia,

As part of ongoing maintenance activities at Area L of Technical Area 54, personnel discovered weathering and sluffing in an area outside the fence at and near the toe of the north slope of the fill for the pad supporting the Mixed Waste Storage Dome, Building 215. The weathering has exposed some chunks of asphalt, a few of which have fallen into Canada del Buey. This letter is to advise you that Los Alamos National Laboratory is removing the chunks that sluffed into the canyon. The Laboratory, as it has explained to the Department, believes this asphalt is not a hazardous waste, however it will manage these chunks as such by manifesting and sending the material offsite for disposal at a hazardous waste landfill. The laboratory also will perform maintenance work to further stabilize the fill that supports the pad.

The Laboratory will commence the maintenance work no sooner than fifteen days from the date of this letter, to afford NMED the opportunity to ask questions of make suggestions on this proposed work. Please do not hesitate to call me at 665-6158 or Jack Elvinger at 667-0633 here at the Laboratory if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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