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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

December 6, 1999

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**RE: CHANGE DURING INTERIM STATUS APPROVAL**  
**DECONTAMINATION AND VOLUME REDUCTION SYSTEM (DVRS)**  
**TECHNICAL AREA (TA) 54, AREA G INVOICE # HRMB-LANL-99-003**  
**LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY**  
**NM0890010515**

Dear Dr. Browne and Mr. Gurule:

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the November 19, 1999 letter requesting an approval of a change during interim status for the DVRS at TA-54, Area G. The letter provides information in response to discussions between Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Department of Energy (DOE), and HRMB representatives on October 7 and November 5, 1999. The submittal also included a revised Part A permit application and justification for the approval of the change during interim status. The request is provided in accordance with the requirements for changes during interim status [20 NMAC 4.1.900, §270.72(a)(3)(ii)].

As indicated in LANL's November 19 letter, the DVRS supports the mixed waste retrieval and storage activities related to the Transuranic Waste Inspectable Storage Project (TWISP) at TA-54, Area G. TWISP is being implemented under a December 10, 1993 Consent Agreement between NMED, DOE and University of California (LANL). The request for change during interim status is to provide for temporary staging or storage of the containers in the DVRS containment structure (Perma-Con) or other areas within the DVRS building. This will provide for safe operations during the repackaging of waste from the retrieved fiberglass reinforced plywood (FRP) boxes into metal drums and standard waste boxes (SWB) for safer storage, transportation and disposal. The request for change during interim status for the DVRS is not for



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a modification to the total allowed waste storage capacity associated with TWISP or TA-54, Area G.

NMED hereby approves the change during interim status for storage in containers within the DVRS containment structure or within the DVRS building as per DOE/LANL's request. A notice of the modification **must** be sent to all persons on the facility mailing list and appropriate units of State and local government within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of this letter [20 NMAC 4.1.900, 40 CFR 270.42 (a)(ii)].

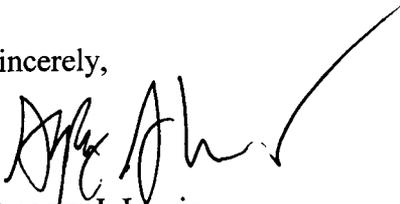
A fee of \$1,000 has been assessed for review of the document based on the attached Document Review Fee worksheet. Payment is due within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of this letter. Should the Return Receipt be sent back to HRMB without a date the receipt of fees are due sixty (60) calendar days from the date of this letter. **Payment should be made by certified check or money order payable to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous Waste Permits Fund 339.** Should an extension of the sixty day period be required, a request should be received by HRMB, a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the end of the sixty day period. This is to ensure that the facility receives HRMB's written approval before the expiration of the payment period. Should you disagree with the fee assessed you may file an Administrative Appeal under the provisions of 20 NMAC 4.2.302.1.

Payment must be submitted to:

Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2044 A Galisteo, PO Box 26110  
Santa Fe, NM 87502  
Attn: Cindy Abeyta

Should you have any questions regarding this letter please contact John Kieling, at (505) 827-1558 extension 1012.

Sincerely,



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Director  
Waste and Waste Management Division

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**New Mexico Environment Department  
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Corrective Action Document Review Fee Worksheet**

<b>Modification Type</b>	<b>Basic Fee</b>	<b>Total Fee</b>
Class I	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Class II	\$ 10,000	
Class III	\$ 25,000	
<b>WORKSHEET TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,000.00<sup>1</sup></b>

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