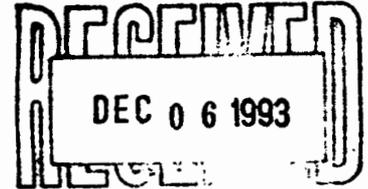




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Benito Garcia, Bureau Chief
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Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Department of Energy (DOE) and the University of California submitted an application for a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) temporary emergency permit to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on September 30, 1993, to allow the processing of nitrated cheesecloth at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The application addressed the material to be processed, the process location, why the emergency permit is needed, and the process operating procedures.

On November 5, 1993, DOE received a Notice of Deficiency (NOD) from NMED dated November 2, 1993, that stated a number of issues were not adequately addressed in the initial permit application. The issues identified by NMED include inspection procedures, emergency procedures, the contingency plan, training, a conclusion of activity report, location information, information assuring protection of the environment, and the treatment procedures. The revised application (enclosed) has been modified to provide the additional information requested by NMED in the NOD. A brief summary of how each issue has been addressed is also included to facilitate the review of the revised application.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jon Mack of my staff at 505-665-5026.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Vozella, Chief
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