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Barbara Hoditschek, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

On May 18, 1994, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) provided LAAO/LANL a copy of the modifications made to the Draft RCRA Emergency Permit No. NM0890010515-EP1 for Treatment of Nitrated Cheese cloth at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Technical Area (TA) 55. We had reviewed the original draft the week of May 9 and had suggested to Stephanie Kruse of your staff that amendment of the draft language may be in order to better describe the process being permitted. We believe that the modifications made, based on our discussions, provide a better description of the process, and have no further comments.

We also contacted Ms. Kruse on May 23rd to indicate that TA-55 is currently in a stand down mode. We requested that language be included in the permit to reflect that the effective date of the permit would be on the date of start up. She returned our call on May 24, 1994, stating that language of the permit would indicate that the effective date would be the date of signature by NMED's Secretary, or on the date that the stand down for TA-55 was no longer in effect, but in no case later than August 1, 1994. Further, we will be required to notify NMED seven days prior to the activation of the permit if we are not able to begin implementation on the date it is signed. We agreed to these conditions as appropriate.

We appreciate NMED's efforts and are prepared to implement the requirements of the emergency permit on receipt. Should you have any additional questions, please call me at (505) 665-5027, or Jon Mack of my staff at (505) 665-5026.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Vozella, Chief
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