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June 2, 1994

Mr. Earl Bean, Area Manager
Los Alamos Area Office
US Department of Energy
582 35th Street
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544-5000

Dear Mr. Bean:

Enclosed is a copy of the ninety (90)-day emergency permit for treatment of mixed waste (plutonium-impregnated nitrated cheesecloth) at TA-55 approved by the Secretary of the NM Environment Department (NMED). This permit was approved on May 26, 1994. The permit will be effective as of the date of signature of the Secretary of this Department or of the date when the present stand-down order at Building 4, Technical Area 55 is rescinded, whichever is later, but in no case later than August 1, 1994.

Also enclosed are a fact sheet regarding this project which has been sent to interested organizations and private citizens and a copy of the public notice which will be published on June 10, 1994 in the Los Alamos Monitor, the Santa Fe New Mexican, and the Albuquerque Journal. Any comments received regarding this permit will become a part on the administrative record for the permit.

Please contact Stephanie Kruse of my staff at 287-4308 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hoditschek
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Enclosures

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