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December 19, 1994

Mr. Joseph C. Vozella
Acting Assistant Area Manager
Office of Environment and Projects
US Department of Energy
Los Alamos Area Office
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

Dear Mr. Vozella:

RE: RCRA Permit No. NM0890010515-EP1: Certification of Closure

The NM Environment Department (NMED) has received the final closure report for RCRA Permit No. NM0890010515-EP1, an emergency permit for treatment of plutonium-impregnated nitrated cheesecloth, in the form of a letter and attached table (Record of Nitrated and Non-nitrated Cheesecloth Process Runs). This letter, dated October 28, 1994, was addressed to Ms. Barbara Hoditschek, Manager, RCRA Permits Program, and was signed by you and by Mr. Dennis Erickson, Director, Environment, Safety, and Health Division, Los Alamos National Laboratory.

This treatment process was described in the public notice issued on June 10, 1994, in the *Los Alamos Monitor*, the *New Mexican*, and the *Albuquerque Journal*. The permit and fact sheet were also made available for review at the offices of the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau of this Department in Santa Fe and at the Los Alamos National Laboratory Reading Room in Los Alamos. No comments were received regarding this permit.

NMED has now completed its review of the closure certification report and has conducted an inspection of the site. Based on the document submitted and the site inspection, NMED has determined that final closure has been completed in accordance with the emergency permit.

NMED consequently approves termination of this emergency permit. The effective date of permit termination is December 23, 1994.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Sisneros, Director
Water and Waste Management Division

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