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Mr. Benito Garcia, Bureau Chief
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Dear Mr. Garcia:

Subject: Response to the Notice Of Deficiency (NOD) for the DOE/LANL Closure Plan for the Technical Area 55 (TA-55), Oxygen Sparging Unit (OSU)

This transmittal is to respond to the NOD for the DOE/LANL Closure Plan for the TA-55, OSU. The date of receipt of the NOD was April 8, 1996 with thirty days to respond; this would have been on May 8. On May 7 we requested an extension of two weeks. By your letter confirming this request, you granted an extension to May 25. The NOD consisted of two attachments which contained the questions in the NOD. Our response addresses each portion of the NOD individually.

Some of the supporting documentation for the response is Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information, and is not available for public distribution. However, this documentation is available for review at TA-55. Information that is not controlled, but useful in our response to the deficiencies noted is attached for your review.

After you have completed your review of our response, if you determine that a site visit to the TA-55 facility is needed, this can be arranged at your convenience. Although the OSU is no longer present, the glove box where it was operated remains in use. A clear understanding of operational safeguards would be possible with such a tour.

If you have any questions, please contact Jody Plum, Office of Environment and Projects, at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,

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Area Manager

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Enclosure

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