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

Subject: Request for Cancellation and Withdrawal of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Mixed Waste Container Storage Area at Technical Area 55 Plutonium Facility 41 (TA-55-41)

The purpose of this letter is to submit our request for cancellation and withdrawal of the LANL Mixed Waste Container Storage Area at TA-55-41. The unit was added to the 1993 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Part A revision as a mixed waste container storage area with a 100,000 gallon storage capacity. This area was not on the original Part A Permit for mixed waste and was removed from the 1995 TA-55 Part A revision. No mixed or hazardous waste was stored in this area and there will be no mixed or hazardous waste stored in this area in the future. We request that the inclusion of the container storage area at TA-55-41 be withdrawn and canceled.

If you have any questions, please contact Jody Plum of my staff at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,

G. Thomas Todd
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This document describes the request for cancellation and withdrawal of the LANL Mixed Waste Container Storage Area at TA-55-41. The unit was added to the 1993 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part A revision as a mixed waste container storage area with a 100,000 gallon storage capacity. LANL is a multidisciplinary laboratory (EPA No. NM0890010515) owned by the Department of Energy (DOE) and operated jointly by DOE and the University of California. LANL is located approximately 60 miles north-northeast of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is divided into 51 TAs.

The action is in accordance with RCRA as codified by the New Mexico Administrative Code, Title 20, Chapter 4, Part 1 (20 NMAC 4.1) Subpart VI § 600.

Background

The container storage area was not a part of the original RCRA Part A Permit for mixed waste, was added to the 1993 Part A revision with a 100,000 gallon capacity, and was then removed from the subsequent 1995 Part A revision. The removal of TA-55-41 from the 1995 revision proceeded because of the decision to use the area in a different capacity not associated with waste storage.

Rationale

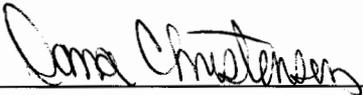
The TA-55-41 container storage area has never been used to store wastes and no wastes will be stored in the area in the future.

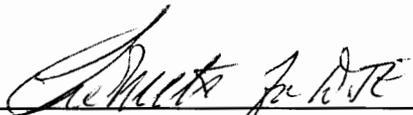
Because there has been no waste stored in the area and there will be no waste stored in the unit in the future, the closure requirements set forth in RCRA as codified by 20 NMAC 4.1 Subpart VI § 600 at 40 CFR 265.110, 265.111, 265.112, 265.113, 265.114, 265.115, 265.116, 265.117, 265.118, 265.119, 265.120, 265.140-265.150, or any other requirements associated with hazardous waste treatment units, are not applicable.

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Certification of Accuracy:

I certify under penalty of law that these documents were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violation.

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