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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

December 3, 1997

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Dear Sirs:

**RE: Request for cancellation and withdrawal of mixed waste container storage areas.**

The New Mexico Environment Department Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is in receipt of the following letters from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL):

- 1) the request for cancellation and withdrawal of Technical Area (TA) 33 container storage areas 90 and 92, dated March 7, 1997; and
- 2) the request for cancellation and withdrawal of TA-55 mixed waste container storage area 41, dated March 12, 1997.

LANL states in each letter that these areas have never stored hazardous or mixed waste, nor will they in the future. LANL also provides documentation of non-regulatory inspections by the NMED Department Of Energy Oversight Bureau which indicate no evidence of hazardous or mixed waste storage in these areas.

HRMB has reviewed the requests and determined them to be a change under interim status, as per the requirements of 20 NMAC 4.1 Subpart 901B, 40 CFR §270.72. LANL must now submit to HRMB a revised Part A permit application (Part A) in redline/strikeout and clean versions which incorporate the revisions requested. Further, LANL shall consolidate all mixed waste and hazardous waste units into one Part A. The use of a single Part A shall streamline future administrative processing of LANL's RCRA permit, and should facilitate compliance.

Following a determination of administrative completeness of the revised Part A, the Director of NMED Water and Waste Management

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Division will be requested to approve the change under interim status.

If there are any questions on this matter, you may contact Mr. John Kieling, HRMB's LANL Facility Manager at (505) 827-1558.

Sincerely,



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