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February 4, 1998

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**RE: Approval of the Closure Certification Report for the Technical Area 55 Oxygen Sparging Unit dated December 1996
EPA I.D. No. NM 0890010515**

Dear Mr. Taylor and Dr. Browne:

The New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (**HRMB**) is in receipt of the DOE/LANL (**LANL**) Closure Certification Report dated December 1996, for the closure of the Oxygen Sparging Unit (OSU) at Technical Area 55.

HRMB has completed an administrative and technical review of the Closure Certification Report dated December 1996, for the Closure of the Oxygen Sparging Unit at Technical Area 55 and finds that it is complete and technically adequate and the closure is hereby approved.



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If there are any questions please feel free to contact either Mr. Robert S. "Stu" Dinwiddie or Mr. John Kieling of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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