



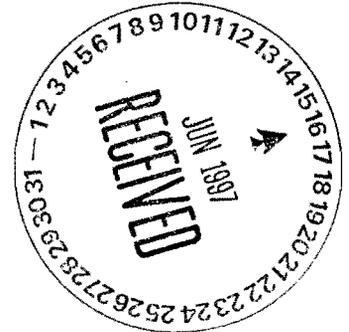
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**RE: Review of three VCA Completion Reports from LANL FU-5:  
Potential Release Sites at TA-57 (57-006, Buried Chemical  
Waste Vessel), TA-69 (C-09-001, Stained Soil), and TA-69  
(69-001, Two Mile Mesa Incinerator Pond Bed).**

Dear Mr. Johansen:

The DOE Oversight Bureau has reviewed the subject documents. The following comments are provided for the purpose of communicating the results of the review. They are not provided or intended for the purpose of representing the regulatory position of the New Mexico Environment Department.

1. We have no comment on the VCA reports for TA-57 (57-006) and TA-69 (C-09-001).
2. The VCA Completion Report for PRS at TA-69 (69-001), page 8, paragraph 4 (Conclusions), makes the following statement:

"Though the primary source of contamination has been removed, it is obvious that additional efforts may be required prior to removal of the PRS from the HSWA Module. These efforts may include additional sampling and quantification of the secondary contamination prior to any subsequent remedial efforts. Current efforts may be viewed as an interim remedial measure leading to full and complete remediation of the site."

According to the report, one confirmatory sample (VCXX-95-0243) exceeded SAL's and background levels for barium and lead, and two other confirmatory samples (VCXX-95-0077 and VCXX-95-0079) exceeded the background level for lead. Because of these

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sampling results and the possibility of secondary contamination, LANL should submit a plan to characterize the extent of contamination and the potential for off-site migration of contaminants.

If there are any questions please contact me or Scott Anderson of the NMED DOE Oversight Bureau Technical Support staff at 505-827-1536.

Sincerely,



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