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Mr. Mark Ashley  
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**SUBJECT: CLEAN-UP OF BURNS SWALE SPILL SITE AND REQUEST FOR NO FURTHER ACTION**

Dear Mr. Ashley:

On June 16, 1997, Los Alamos National Laboratory and contract personnel conducted a clean-up of the Burns Swale spill site at Fenton Hill. The spill material was collected from the watercourse using manual methods and then transported to the Fenton Hill facility using an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). TCLP analysis of the spill material determined that it was not a hazardous waste. Five 55-gallon drums of spill material were collected and disposed of at the Los Alamos County Landfill.

Following the clean-up, Laboratory and contract personnel re-entered Burns Swale to restore those areas of the watercourse which were disturbed by the ATV. Additionally, straw bales were placed in the watercourse as a Best Management Practice (BMP) to control erosion. The silt fences installed in November, 1996, will be maintained until October, 1997. At that time they will be removed and properly disposed of. The straw bales will be left in the watercourse to naturally bio-degrade.

Based upon the successful characterization and clean-up of this spill, the Laboratory requests that your agency accept this clean-up as complete and find that no further action is required.

Please feel free to contact me at 667-7969 if you have questions or concerns regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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