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RE: Recommendations From The New Mexico Environment Department-Surface Water Quality Bureau (NMED-SWQB) Regarding The Clean-Up Of the Burn Swale Spill At TA-57 (Fenton Hill) which is part of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

Dear Mr. Ashley:

The NMED-SWQB has reviewed the August 11, 1997, report by Mr. Scott P. Anderson of the NMED-Dept. of Energy/Oversight Bureau (DOE/OB) regarding the clean up of cement/mud slurry spilled at TA-57, Fenton Hill Hot Dry Rock Facility GW-31.

Based on the information provided by Mr. Anderson, who conducted several on-site visits, the NMED-SWQB recommends that the OCD accept this clean-up as satisfactory with regard to surface water protection concerns. However, it was noted that LANL only remediated 90% of the spill material and chose to install stabilization measures to prevent further erosion and possible introduction into the watercourse of the 10% of the spill material left unremediated. NMED-SWQB therefore recommends that LANL provide OCD evidence of stabilization at this site before the silt fences are removed in October, 1997. This will assure NMED-SWQB that the site will not provide any potential for further impact to the watercourse.



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If you have any questions concerning this letter feel free to call Ms. Barbara Hoditschek of my staff at 827-0596. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and for providing NMED-SWQB the opportunity of commenting on this matter.

Sincerely,



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