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**SUBJECT: NMOCD CLOSURE, BURNS SWALE SPILL SITE, FENTON HILL
GEOTHERMAL FACILITY**

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Please find the enclosed letter from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD). This letter approves Los Alamos National Laboratory's request for closure for the November 22, 1996, spill of drilling cement/mud at Fenton Hill's Burns Swale. NMOCD's approval was based upon the Laboratory's successful clean-up of the spilled material, stabilization of Burns Swale using Best Management Practices (BMPs), and post-cleanup characterization of the spill site. As a result of NMOCD's approval, the Laboratory will remove the remaining silt fences in Burns Swale.

Please feel free to contact me at 667-7969 should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Beers
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