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RE: Request For Extension On Submittal of Corrective Action Plan

Dear Mr. Tomlinson:

On December 16, 1997, the New Mexico Environment Department - Surface Water Quality Bureau (NMED-SWQB) received your letter of response to our letter of December 4, 1997. Our letter cited violation of the New Mexico Water Quality Control (WQCC) Regulations (20 NMAC 6.2) Section 2201 and possibly Section 1203 A., and requested immediate stabilization of an exposed landfill cell and removal of garbage in the watercourse from the cell. It is our understanding from your letter that these two actions have been taken.

Mr. Steve Yanicak of the NMED-DOE/OB, at our request, inspected the site in question to verify the adequacy of the actions taken to provide immediate stabilization of the site and cleanup of refuse from the watercourse. His report is pending. If his report recommends that your response has adequately addressed the situation, than NMED-SWQB will consider your response to these first two requirements as being met. A recommendation indicating an inadequate response will result in further notification from NMED-SWQB.

Our letter also requested two additional items be provided within fifteen (15) days:

- 1) Submittal of corrective action plans for stabilization of the entire landfill slope located above the Sandia wetland such that future releases of refuse materials (e.g., garbage, sediment) into the watercourse and/or Sandia wetlands do not occur, and
- 2) Provide written verification for approval by NMED-SWQB that the cleanup and stabilization were adequate to address the problem.

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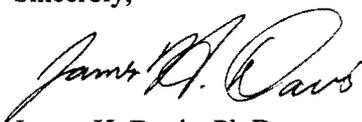
Your letter of December 15, 1997, indicates the installation of the stabilization system should take no longer than 180 days, and that during this time your staff will continue to monitor the site to ensure that further violations do not occur. While we appreciate this information, but we still require submittal of a plan that will address the stabilization system that will be provided. Evaluation of this plan by NMED-SWQB staff and others (e.g., Solid Waste Management staff) will provide valuable input to you as to the adequacy of addressing NMED-SWQB'S concerns. We will endeavor to review the plans in a timely manner.

Therefore, pursuant to WQCC Regulations (20 NMAC 6.2) Section 1203. 6., I am granting you an extension of sixty (60) days from receipt of this letter to submit to NMED-SWQB a copy of the plans proposed for the stabilization of the entire landfill slope located above the Sandia wetland.

If you have any questions concerning this decision, please feel free to call Mr. Glenn Saums, or Ms. Barbara Hoditschek of my staff at (505) 827-2827 and 827-0596 respectively.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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