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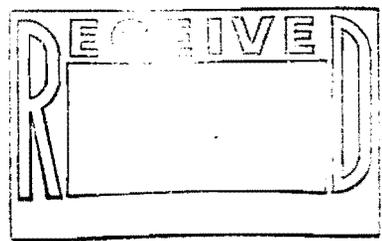
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March 26, 1998



James H. Davis, Ph.D., Chief
Surface Water Quality bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
1190 St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Re: NOV Letter of December 18, 1997—Refuse in a Watercourse

Dear Dr. Davis:

Enclosed please find a site plan developed by Engineering Solutions and Design to address erosion control near the landfill with gabions and recontouring of the entire hillside located above Sandia Wetland. This plan is being submitted to you conditionally, as described below; we are acting to remove those conditions as soon as possible.

Your staff member Barbara Hoditschek has already been provided with written documentation and photographs evidencing the interim actions called for of stabilizing the exposed landfill cell and removing refuse from the watercourse.

On the longer term project, the problems we have communicated to you in the past remain obstacles to quick implementation. Although we have received comments and input from Los Alamos National Laboratory and from the Department of Energy and from all impacted bureaus at NMED on the proposed design, we do not yet have a firm commitment on the amount of the monetary contribution which will be made by either of these parties. Such a commitment is important because, preliminarily, we have been told that the stabilization of the entire slope, with the gabions, will run between six hundred thousand and seven hundred fifty thousand dollars. The County does not have such sums immediately available.

We will welcome a new County Administrator on Monday, March 30, and will ask him to make pursuit of a firm commitment from management at DOE/LANL on a contribution to the long-term stabilization a top priority. We would hope to accomplish a meeting on this topic sometime in the next two weeks. With that commitment, we will present to NMED a proposed timeline for completion of the project, which may be in phases, to supplement today's submission.

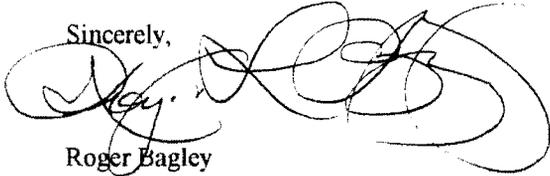
We hope you understand that we are doing the best we can to coordinate with DOE and LANL on long-standing and complex matters raised in that canyon. If you have any questions at all about the status of our discussions over the next few weeks, please contact Ms. Orth at (505) 662-8007.

Thank you and your staff for your assistance with this matter.



James H. Davis, Ph.D.
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Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Bagley'.

Roger Bagley
Acting County Administrator

Cc: David Riker, Public Works Dep't Director
Mike Tomlinson, Solid Waste Division Manager
Felicia Orth, Assistant County Attorney

Enclosure: Plan