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May 29, 1998

James H. Davis, Ph.D., Chief  
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**RE: RESPONSE TO LETTER; DAVIS TO KING; DATED MAY 22, 1998; RE: FOLLOW-UP ON MEETING HELD MAY 11, 1998, WITH COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING THE NMED-SWQB NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV) DATED DECEMBER 4, 1997**

Dear Dr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of May 22, 1998, summarizing the discussion and agreed upon actions at the May 11, 1998, meeting. Los Alamos County received this letter on May 26, 1998, and we fully intend to complete those actions we have agreed to by the deadlines indicated in the letter. We continue to appreciate your patience and cooperation in affording us the opportunity to resolve the NOV concerns in a constructive and practical manner.

We will be forwarding a more comprehensive response on the rubble pile issue before our thirty-day deadline. However, I wanted to advise you that we have already initiated contact with the Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) on the issues outlined in your letter, and have formed an ad hoc technical working group to begin addressing these issues. As we explained at the May 11, 1998, meeting, interim erosion control measures have already been taken to prevent a recurrence of the type of erosion that prompted the initial NOV citation. Additionally, we have already begun drafting proposed access agreements to allow placement of interim erosion control measures beyond the existing landfill boundaries.

A number of other actions are in progress that we hope will yield an acceptable approach to provide a final resolution of all concerns. We anticipate having a comprehensive plan in place

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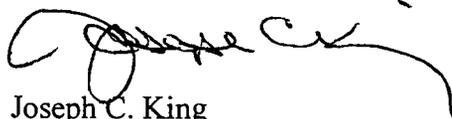
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by the assigned deadlines, although, as we discussed at the meeting, some of the final resolutions outlined in our proposed plan will be long range actions that could extend well into the future.

We will continue to keep you informed of our progress, and look forward to a positive resolution of this issue.

Sincerely,



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County Administrator

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