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RE: LOS ALAMOS AIRPORT

Dear Mr. Lane,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the verbal report of the spill, 7-day report, UST Questionnaire, May 6, 1992 memo prepared by Mr. Karl J. Trombley, Chief Environment, Safety and Health Branch, Los Alamos Area Office, Department of Energy, and the report prepared by Charles P. Richards, HS-5, Los Alamos National Lab for the above named site. The NMED has determined that this site does not pose an immediate public health or environmental threat for the following reasons:

1. The release was apparently of a relatively small volume of fuel. (May 6 memo and Charles P. Richards' report).
2. The tank hold was excavated beyond the extent of contamination. Thus, pursuant to Section 1205.A of the New Mexico Underground Storage Tank Regulations (USTR), no on-site investigation is required at the site.
3. Laboratory analytical results of soil samples collected from the excavated soil indicate that contaminant levels within this soil are within the acceptable limits specified in Section 1209.D(3) of the USTR. (May 6 memo and Charles P. Richards' report).
4. Depth to ground water at the site is over 1500 feet below the ground surface. (7-day report). The depth to groundwater and the unfractured, well cemented volcanic tuff, which is directly below the release site, make it unlikely that groundwater contamination has or will occur. (May 6 memo and Charles P. Richards' report).
5. There are no public or private water supply wells within 3 miles of the site. (7-day report).



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Therefore, NMED is not requiring additional work at this time. However, NMED does reserve the right to require additional work in the future should information become available which indicates that a threat to public health or the environment exists.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: NMED District II Office