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**MEMORANDUM**

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**FROM:** James P. Bearzi, Chief *J.P. Bearzi*  
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**CC:** Greg Lewis, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** **APPOINTMENT OF A SURFACE WATER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LANL AIRPORT LANDFILL HIGH PERFORMING TEAM**

**DATE:** April 27, 2000

The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB), DOE Oversight Bureau (DOE OB), and the Department of Energy (DOE)/Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) are using the High Performing Team (HPT) approach to accomplish efficient site decision-making at LANL high priority sites. These High priority sites have been identified by NMED, DOE and LANL to be worked on. Due to the complex nature of the LANL Airport Landfill, located at Technical Area 73, this project is the subject of a HPT comprised of members from HRMB, DOE-OB, DOE, and LANL. The HPT currently is evaluating additional characterization work needed to implement the final remedy (capping) for the former landfill. During operation of the landfill, refuse and debris was disposed of in several of the drainages originating from the mesa top landfill. Based on this information, the HPT has identified a need for a representative from the Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) to participate in HPT activities and decision-making regarding surface water concerns at the site.

The SWQB representative would be expected to participate in HPT activities, which at present are time consuming. Currently, the Airport Landfill HPT meets monthly, although as additional characterization gets underway, the frequency of meetings may increase. Members are also responsible for a variety of duties including, document and analytical review, decision-making, site visits to identify drainages, containing debris. In addition, the representative would also be responsible for becoming familiar with site history, and characterization activities performed at the site to date. Although a great deal of time and effort would be required HRMB would appreciate involvement and SWQB input on this HPT, the accomplishment of resolving and completing a remedial/stabilization at this site would benefit all.



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