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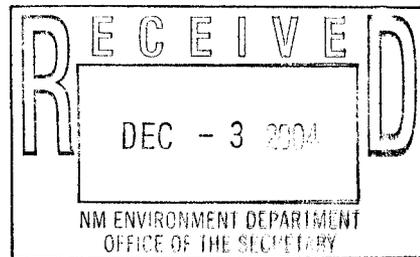
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Dear Mr. Curry:

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), is considering a proposal to conduct a voluntary corrective action at the Los Alamos Airport to cap two former solid waste disposal areas. This action is being undertaken as part of the Land Transfer Project. One disposal area, the Airport Landfill, is located east of the existing airport hangars. The other area, the Debris Disposal Area, is located east of the end of the runway. The Airport Landfill was operated as a municipal landfill receiving solid waste from both LANL and Los Alamos County from 1943 to 1973. The Debris Disposal Area was used from 1984 to 1986 to bury debris excavated from the western portion of the Airport Landfill.

In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) policy, I am notifying you that an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared for this proposed project. The EA will discuss the proposed voluntary corrective action alternatives, including the No Action Alternative, along with natural and cultural resource concerns, and human health, safety, noise and transportation issues. We would appreciate your comments and participation in the NEPA process. **A public scoping meeting will be held on December 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Los Alamos County Airport to provide information and an opportunity for public comment.** Scoping comments may be submitted directly to me at 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, via fax at (505) 667-5948 or via e-mail at ewithers@doeal.gov.

You will also be given the opportunity to review and comment on a pre-decisional draft EA prior to NNSA making a final determination on this project. If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please contact me at (505) 667-8690.

Sincerely,

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