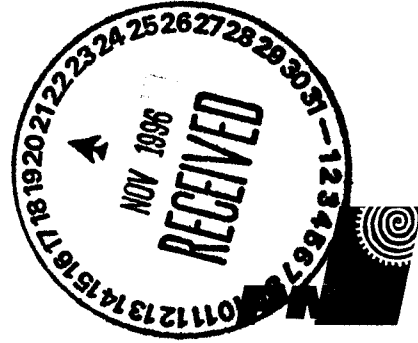


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Mr. David Neleigh
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Dear Mr. Neleigh:

Subject: Closure of Natural Pit Area, PNM Person
Generating Station, NMT 360010342

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Toni Ristau

Director, Environmental Services

Enclosed please find one copy of the report: Final Report: Closure of the PNM Person Generating Station Hazardous Waste Storage Facility - Natural Pit Area, (NMT360010342), November 15, 1996. This report documents completion of the soil removal plan approved by EPA on February 14, 1992. PNM hereby seeks approval of these remedial actions and requests permission to remove the administrative controls which were placed on the Natural Pit Area. If approved, this action will complete all activities necessary to remove the Natural Pit Area from the HSWA permit for the Person Generating Station.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 241-2998.

Sincerely,

Ron D. Johnson
Technical Group Leader

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