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## Philips Semiconductors

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March 25, 1998

Ms. Susan Hoines  
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NMED  
2044A Galisteo Street  
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Certified Mail: P 554 324 983

**SUBJECT: Philips Semiconductors (NMD000709782) - Notification of Quarterly Groundwater Sampling**

Dear Ms. Hoines:

Per the requirements listed in Module IV - Corrective Action of RCRA Permit No. NMD000709782-1 section C.1(a), Philips is providing you the required 10-day notification, prior to conducting quarterly groundwater sampling. The sampling is scheduled to take place on April 13 and 14, 1998, and will be performed by Daniel B. Stephens and Associates (DBSA). In addition to taking samples from our own four wells, they will be taking samples from the City of Albuquerque's three wells located on Philips' property.

If you or one of your group members would like to be present at the time of sampling for observation, split samples, etc., please call me at (505) 822-7634.

Sincerely,

Joe Mauser  
Environmental Supervisor

(ENV812)

cc: USEPA Region 6, P 554 324 984  
Peter Yates, Plant Manager, Albuquerque Operations  
James Cochran, EHS Manager  
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Environmental File  
RFI Compliance Binder

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# Press Information

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### ALBUQUERQUE PLANT SECURES ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Feb. 11, 1998—Philips Semiconductors-Albuquerque recently earned its ISO 14001 certification, placing the facility among the growing ranks of Philips' operations to have met stringent environmental benchmarks established by the International Organization for Standardization.

To achieve ISO 14001 certification, a company must meet strict guidelines including a continuous improvement plan to reduce the effects on the environment of all its manufacturing processes. Independent assessment for ISO 14001 typically takes two to three days, depending on the size of the plant, and usually is followed by a second audit, six months later, to ensure that the environmental systems are still in place. After certification, surveillance assessments are carried out at regular intervals to ensure a company continues to manufacture responsibly. ISO 14001 certification is only valid for three years, when the auditing process must begin again.

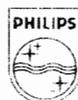
"We are delighted with this achievement," said Arthur van der Poel, chief executive officer of Philips Semiconductors. "Obtaining the ISO 14001 standard demonstrates our commitment to the environment and represents international recognition of the efforts of everyone working at our facilities."

With this certification, Philips-Albuquerque became the eleventh of more than 140 semiconductor manufacturing sites in the United States to obtain ISO 14001 registration. At the time of its certification, the Albuquerque plant was one of only 76 entities in the United States to be ISO 14001 registered. It was the first private business in New Mexico to obtain ISO 14001 certification.

The team of Albuquerque employees who led the site's efforts to achieve ISO 14001 certification have won Philips Semiconductors' regional Quality Improvement Competition and will proceed to Rome in April to compete in the international competition.

Three days after the introduction of the ISO 14001 standard in September 1996, Philips Semiconductors was the first company in the world to achieve this certification for its manufacturing plant in Bangkok, Thailand. Since then, Philips Semiconductors' manufacturing plants in the following locations have been awarded ISO 14001 status:

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Hamburg, Germany; Stadskanaal, Netherlands; Kaohsiung, Taiwan; Hazel Grove, England; Caen, France; Manila, Philippines; Hong Kong, China; and Southampton, England. The certifications are proof of Philips Semiconductors' global strategy to achieve the certification for all 14 of its plants by the end of 1998.

Philips Electronics NV, Philips Semiconductors' parent company, has established a goal of having all of its manufacturing plants worldwide ISO 14001 registered by the year 2000. Because of its overall commitment to the environment, Philips Electronics recently earned the World Environment Center's Gold Medal. The award will be presented at a formal event in Washington, D.C., on May 29, exactly one week before World Environment Day on June 5.

*Philips Semiconductors, Inc., is a subsidiary of Philips Electronics North America and an affiliate of Philips Electronics NV, headquartered in Eindhoven, The Netherlands. The company is one of the 10 largest semiconductor suppliers in the world. Philips Semiconductors' innovations in digital audio, video, and mobile technology position the company as a leader in the consumer, multimedia and wireless communications markets. Sales offices, located in all major markets around the world, are supported by regional customer applications labs. Additional information on Philips Semiconductors can be obtained by accessing its home pages at [www.semiconductors.philips.com](http://www.semiconductors.philips.com).*

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