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Mr. Michael J. Zamorski
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RE: ER Site 28-2, Inspection/Sampling

Dear Mr. Zamorski:

It is my understanding that ER Site 28-2 is scheduled to be sampled sometime in March 1998, pending the results of a safety inspection by personnel of the U.S. Department of Labor Mine Safety and Health Administration. The Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) requests that it be notified at least 10 days prior to this inspection/sampling event, as required by Special Condition IV.J.4. of the US Department of Energy/Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico HSWA permit.

The NMED will send one or more staff members to collect split samples. If the mine inspector deems it safe, it is our intention that NMED personnel go underground to collect these samples.

Additionally, although the site has been designated as a Radioactive Materials Management Area, be advised that NMED personnel will not allow Chain-of-Custody procedures to be broken. Fortunately, discussion between members of my staff and SNL personnel indicates that there is an acceptable solution with respect to this latter issue.

Please call William Moats of my staff at 841-9471 if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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