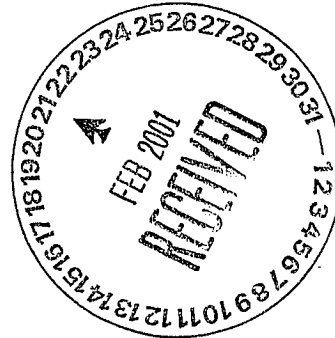




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Mr. John B. Kieling, Acting Program Manager
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New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Kieling:

Subject: Submittal of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Closure Plan for the Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico (SNL/NM) Interim Storage Site (ISS), February 2001, EPA I.D. No.: NM 5890110518

The purpose of this letter is to submit to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) two copies of the enclosed RCRA Closure Plan entitled "RCRA Closure Plan for the SNL/NM Interim Storage Site", dated February 2001 (Closure Plan). One copy of the Closure Plan is enclosed with this letter and one copy is being sent to Mr. Will Moats of NMED. Clean copies and strikeout copies are included. The RCRA Closure Plan supersedes the previously submitted closure plan for the ISS, dated December 1999.

In a letter from William Moats to Michael Zamorski and Robert Eagan, dated June 30, 2000 (Attachment A) comments were made regarding the December 1999 Closure Plan. The response to the comments (Attachment B) and the revised Closure Plan are intended to answer the comments. The original comments are listed in italics with the Sandia Corporation (Sandia) response following.

It is the intent of Sandia to initiate closure of the ISS site following approval of the enclosed Closure Plan. Sandia expects to demonstrate conformance with RCRA closure performance standards provided in the New Mexico Administrative Code, Title 20, Chapter 4, Part 1 (20 NMAC 4.1), Subpart VI, Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) Part 265, as applicable for the ISS.

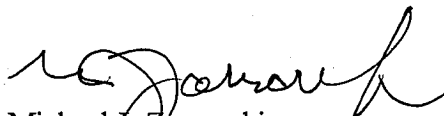
If you have any questions regarding the revised RCRA Closure Plan, please contact Ron Dobbs of my staff at (505) 845-4428.



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Sincerely,



Michael J. Zamorski
Area Manager
Kirtland Area Office

Enclosure: Attachment A
Attachment B
RCRA Closure Plan for the SNL/NM Interim Storage Site (Clean and Strikeout
Copies)

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Attachment A

**Request for Supplemental Information: RCRA Closure Plan for the SNL/NM Interim
Storage Site, December 1999**