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March 8, 2002

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**RE: CLOSURE CERTIFICATION/VERIFICATION APPROVAL OF THE SNL/NM
INTERIM STORAGE SITE; RCRA CLOSURE REPORT SUBMITTAL DATED
FEBRUARY 2002
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES NM5890110518-1
HWB-SNL-00-004**

Dear Mr. Zamorski and Mr. Eagan:

On March 19, 2001, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted a thirty (30) day public comment period pursuant to the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations 20.4.1.600 NMAC, incorporating 40 CFR §265.112(d)(4) for the Sandia National Laboratories' (SNL) *RCRA Closure Plan For The SNL/NM Interim Storage Site*. The comment period ended on April 18, 2001. No public comments were received, and the document was approved on April 25, 2001.

On December 7, 2001, after review of SNL's *RCRA Closure Report For The SNL/NM Interim Storage Site*, dated August 2001, NMED issued a Request for Supplemental Information (RSI). The RCRA Closure Report contained, in part, analytical results for surface-soil samples. On February 15, 2002, SNL responded to the RSI with the report: *RCRA Closure Report For The SNL/NM Interim Storage Site* dated January 2002. NMED has reviewed this report and has found SNL's response to the RSI adequate. On February 27, 2002, NMED personnel inspected the Interim Storage Site (ISS) with SNL Waste Management personnel and verified that all stored

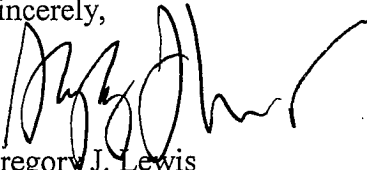


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wastes have been removed and that no visual contamination is present. SNL has met the closure requirements of 20.4.1.600 NMAC incorporating 40 CFR §265.110-265.115.

The NMED hereby approves the closure of the ISS. Should you have any questions please contact William McDonald of my staff at (505) 284-5409.

Sincerely,



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