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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Dear Mr. Kieling:

On behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE) and Sandia Corporation (Sandia), DOE is seeking your concurrence that extended storage is acceptable for remediation wastes staged at the Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) at Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico (SNL/NM) (EPA ID No. NM5890110518).

These remediation wastes were the subject of a request for extended storage submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 on April 10, 2001. That request included two categories of remediation waste:

1. bulk soils managed within the Bulk Waste Storage Area (BWSA) at the CAMU; and
2. bulk soils and debris contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at regulated levels and stored at the Chemical Waste Landfill (CWL).

In a letter dated May 22, 2002, the EPA responded, allowing continued storage of all remediation wastes pending the submittal of and a determination on a comprehensive risk-based request under 40 CFR 761.61(c), covering all facets of management of regulated PCB materials at the CWL and the CAMU. The risk-based request was submitted by the DOE on October 10, 2001. The EPA issued a tentative approval on February 5, 2002 and a final determination is expected in the near future.

It is expected that the final determination on the risk-based request will address the issue of an extended storage period. However, due to the transfer of CAMU regulatory authority from the

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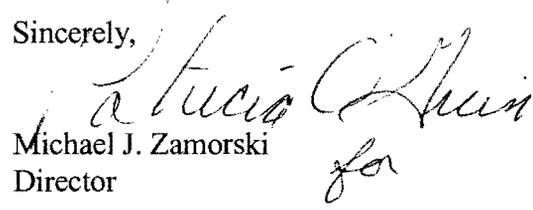
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EPA to the NMED, the scope of the EPA decision on extended storage is expected to be limited to storage of regulated PCB materials. Any determination on storage periods for bulk soils managed at the CAMU (non-PCB regulated materials) now falls under the authority of the NMED.

To ensure that the continued storage of remediation wastes is acceptable to the NMED, we are requesting concurrence that storage of bulk soils within the CAMU is acceptable for the time period through CAMU treatment and containment. Treatment is scheduled to begin in August 2002 and emplacement operations are expected to be completed by June 2003. All remediation wastes will continue to be stored in a protective manner.

Please contact Joe Estrada at (505) 845-5326 with any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

  
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