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Dear Ms. Wagner and Mr. Shephard:

The New Mexico Environment Department has received the subject document dated April 18, 2005. The contingency plan amendment was submitted by the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) on behalf of DOE/Sandia National Laboratories to satisfy the regulation at 20.4.1.600 NMAC incorporating 40 CFR 265.54(d), which requires that a contingency plan for interim status units be revised immediately if the list of emergency coordinators changes. The subject document meets this requirement.

Be advised that the subject contingency plan amendment applies only to the Radioactive Waste Management Facility, the High Bay Waste Storage Facility, and the Manzano Bunkers. The contingency plans for other interim status waste management units are not covered by means of this amendment.
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Be also advised that, in addition to being maintained at the facility, the amended contingency plan must also be provided to all local police departments, fire departments, hospitals, and State and local emergency response teams that may be called upon to provide emergency services (20.4.1.600 NMAC incorporating 40 CFR 265.53).

Please feel free to contact Mr. William Moats of my staff at (505) 284-5086 if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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