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RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL: PHASE TWO VOLUNTARY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT 105 BUILDING 6536, DECEMBER 2005
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES EPA ID# NM5890110518 HWB-SNL-05-026

Dear Ms. Wagner and Mr. Davies:

Building 6536 had been previously identified as SWMU 105, and was granted Corrective Action Complete (No Further Action) status by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in December 1995. On June 29, 2005, a new release of contaminants was discovered during decontamination and demolition activities of Building 6536.

Pursuant to Section V of the Sandia Consent Order (April 29, 2004), the U.S. Department of Energy and Sandia Corporation (Permittees) notified NMED on July 13, 2005, of the discovery of the newly identified release. The Permittees have also submitted to NMED a SWMU Assessment Report (SAR) dated September 13, 2005. The SAR documented a release of mercury to soil at concentrations exceeding applicable health screening levels. The need for additional investigation was also identified in the SAR, thus, the subject Voluntary Corrective Action (VCA) Plan was prepared. NMED has reviewed the subject document and has determined that the scope of work identified in it is adequate.
NMED reserves the right to require additional investigation of SWMU 105 or require submittal of additional information pending the outcome of the VCA. Furthermore, the NMED intends to add SWMU 105 to Table A.1 of the Permittees RCRA Permit as part of a public notice to be conducted by the NMED for a Class 3 permit modification requested by the Permittees in August 2005.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Brian L. Salem of my staff at (505) 845-5932.

Sincerely,

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