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The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Bingaman:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 2007, on behalf of your constituent, David McCoy, Executive Director of Citizen Action New Mexico. Mr. McCoy requested that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) perform an analysis of the well monitoring network at the Sandia National Laboratories Mixed Waste Landfill (MWL).

The primary responsibility for ensuring environmental compliance at this facility lies with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), which received program delegation in January 1996 under the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The EPA has functioned in an oversight role since that time, a responsibility which we take seriously throughout the Region.

We provided an initial response to Mr. McCoy's March 1, 2007, request on March 27, 2007. In our oversight capacity, the EPA is currently conducting an internal review of all well monitoring information, including well logs, site geology, and groundwater sampling results. The data for this site extends back more than two decades so there is a considerable amount of information to analyze. We intend to contact the EPA Risk Management Research Program Groundwater and Ecosystem Restoration Research Laboratory in Ada, Oklahoma, if necessary, to provide additional technical assistance. We will provide a response to Mr. McCoy as soon as possible.

I hope this information is helpful in responding to your constituent. Please call me at (214) 665-2100 if you have any additional questions, or your staff may contact our congressional liaison at (214) 665-2200.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard E. Greene".

Richard E. Greene
Regional Administrator