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RE: PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST, SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

Dear Mr. McCoy:

I am in receipt of your September 14, 2007, letter that contains seven requests for public records pertaining to the Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) Mixed Waste Landfill (MWL). The New Mexico Environment Department's (Department) response to those requests follows, enumerated as in your letter.

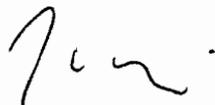
1. The Department has not issued any approvals for the work plans pertaining to the replacement of wells MWL-BW1, MWL-MW1, and MWL-MW3. The Department issued a Notice of Disapproval (NOD) for the installation plan for MWL-BW2 on June 19, 2007. Please make arrangements with Pam Allen at 505-476-6064 if you wish to review the plan and the NOD. The plan and NOD are also available on the Department's website at:

ftp://ftp.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwbdocs/HWB/snl/Mixed_waste_landfill/MWL_well_abandonment_and_replacement_plans/

2. There are no such documents in the administrative record.
3. This item is a question about how to prepare water-level maps, and therefore is not a request for public records.

4. The Department's response is divided into paragraphs a-d as in your September 14, 2007, letter.
 - a. The proposed drilling method (ARCH) is indicated in the installation plan for MWL-BW2. Also see response #1.
 - b. The installation plans have not been approved. See response #1.
 - c. The replacement wells have not been constructed. See response #1. All of the existing wells at the MWL were drilled using at least some water. The drilling records already provided to Citizen Action contain information on the drilling fluids used for the well installations, including the use of water as a drilling fluid or as a component of drilling mud. However, please see response #1 if you still wish to make arrangements to review this information at our Santa Fe address.
 - d. No such documents exist in the administrative record.
5. No such documents exist in the administrative record.
6. No such documents exist in the administrative record.
7. No such documents exist in the administrative record.

Sincerely,



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