MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of the Sandia National Laboratories Mixed Waste Landfill 
(Assignment Number OPE-FY08-0025)

FROM: Eric Lewis, Product Line Director //s//
Office of Program Evaluation

TO: Richard Greene, Regional Administrator
Region 6

The EPA Office of the Inspector General is beginning preliminary research on issues 
related to Region 6’s oversight of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) activities at 
the Sandia Mixed Waste Landfill (MWL) in New Mexico. The Project Manager for this project 
is Larry Dare.

This assignment resulted from a hotline complaint alleging Region 6 did not adequately 
address public concerns about activities at MWL.

Our primary objective is to determine if Region 6 carried out its oversight responsibilities 
regarding Sandia National Laboratory’s MWL. As part of our review will determine if Region 6 
performed independent analysis of the issues presented to it by Citizen Action New Mexico that 
raise questions about the protection of human health and the environment. We will conduct our 
work by reviewing records at and conducting interviews with representatives of Citizen Action 
New Mexico, EPA, and the State of New Mexico.

We will contact your staff to arrange a mutually agreeable time for an entrance 
conference to discuss the assignment objectives and status of our planned work. We will also 
answer any questions you may have about our evaluation process and reporting procedures. At 
our initial meeting we will also answer questions you, or your staff, have about the project 
process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should 
expect of each other during the course of the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-566-2664 or lewis.eric@epa.gov, or Larry 
Dare at 202-566-2138 or dare.larry@epa.gov if you, or your staff, have any questions.

cc: Susan Jenkins, Audit Liaison, Region 6