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Subject: Follow-up to the Temporary Authorization Issued by the New Mexico
Environment Department, May 21, 2004

Dear Messrs. Curry and Bearzi:

The waste hoist problem described in the Request for Temporary Authorization
submitted on May 21, 2004 has been corrected.

At approximately 1:30 PM on Saturday, May 22, the waste hoist was repaired and
testing and inspections were completed. Waste emplacement resumed that afternoon.
As of the morning of Monday, May 24, normal waste handling operations had resumed.

At no point during this period did the surface storage capacities in the Parking Area Unit
or the Waste Handling Building Unit exceed the permitted storage capacity. This was
verified by the NMED inspectors.

We appreciate your consideration and approval of our request for a temporary
authorization. Although we did not need to rely on it, it allowed us to dispatch
shipments from the Rocky Flats and Savannah River sites before the hoist problem was
resolved, thereby avoiding disruption of waste management activities. If you have any
questions, please contact Paul Detwiler at (505) 706-0133 or Steve Warren at (505)
234-7400.

Sincerely,

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