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Mr. Ron Curry, Secretary  
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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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