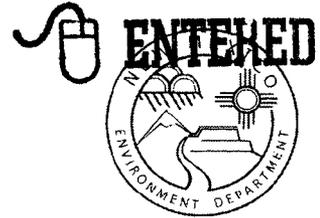




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EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

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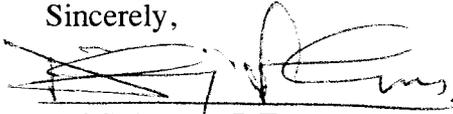
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