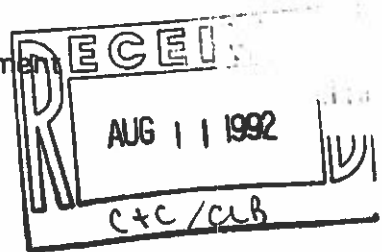




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Dear Secretary Espinosa:

This letter responds to your comments and questions on the "Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) TRU Waste Certification Plan," WCP-HSE7-CP-01, Revision 5, provided in your letter dated April 7, 1992. The Waste Acceptance Criteria Certification Committee (WACCC) coordinated the disposition of your comments with LANL.

The recent issuance of the "Waste Acceptance Criteria for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant," WIPP/DOE-069, Revision 4, dated December 1991, will require significant changes to the LANL TRU Waste Certification Plan, and the subject New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) comments will also require changes to the LANL Plan. LANL will address these changes in Revision 6 of their TRU Waste Certification Plan; this revision is scheduled to be completed for WACCC review in the December 1992 time frame. (The WACCC will issue formal approval of Revision 5 of the "Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) TRU Waste Certification Plan," with the agreement that LANL will address the NMED comments in Revision 6 of the LANL Plan.)

When the WACCC reviews and conditionally approves Revision 6 of this document, it will be forwarded to your office for review. If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact Les Gage of my staff at 505-845-5983.

Sincerely,

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