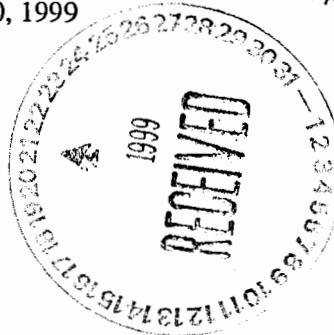




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Dear Mr. Page:

This letter is to notify you that the Department of Energy, Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) is conducting an audit at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) the week of June 14, 1999. On behalf of CAO, I would like to request that EPA-ORIA simultaneously conduct an inspection of the waste characterization systems and processes at LANL. The scope of EPA-ORIA's inspection should include the processes and systems of controls used to characterize contact-handled homogeneous solids waste and two processes (Tomographic Gamma Scanning (TGS) and High Efficiency Neutron Counter (HENC) systems) that are being added to the characterization of debris waste.

Two documents; "LANL TRU Waste Certification Plan" and "LANL TRU Waste Quality Assurance Project Plan", are enclosed to meet EPA requirements. We (CAO) are developing our own audit plan and schedule. These documents will be provided to your staff as soon as they are finalized to assist in EPA's planning and coordination.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact G. Basabilvazo at (505) 234-7488.

Sincerely,

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