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**RE: INTENT TO APPROVE: RCRA CLOSURE PLAN FOR THE SNL/NM INTERIM STORAGE SITE
SUBMITTAL DATED FEBRUARY 2001
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES
EPA ID# NM5890110518
SNL-00-004**

Dear Mr. Zamorski and Mr. Eagan:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) intends to approve, pending public input, the *RCRA Closure Plan for the Interim Storage Site* in which the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) describe their intent to initiate closure of the Interim Storage Site. Enclosed is a copy of the public notice scheduled to be published in the *Albuquerque Journal* and the *El Hispano News* on March 19, 2001. If you have any comments or questions, please contact William McDonald at 505-284-5409 or at the address above.

Sincerely,

FOR
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Mr. Zamorski and Mr. Davies

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NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87505

March 19, 2001

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE THE RCRA CLOSURE PLAN FOR THE
SNL/NM INTERIM STORAGE SITE FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY/SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). In January 1996, the State received authorization to operate a hazardous waste management program for parts of HSWA. HSWA imposes additional Corrective Action requirements on hazardous waste facilities for releases to the environment.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (Section 75-4-1 *et seq.*, NMSA 1978, as amended, 1993), the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20.4.1 NMAC, revised 2000), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) can approve, approve with conditions, or deny hazardous waste management permits, closure plans, permit modifications, and amendments. Under this authority, NMED intends to approve, pending public input into this decision, the proposed *Closure Plan for the SNL/NM Interim Storage Site* (Closure Plan) submitted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Sandia National Laboratories (SNL). SNL is a contractor-operated research facility under the administration of the DOE.

Proposed Action: Approval, pending public input into this decision, of the *Closure Plan for the SNL/NM Interim Storage Site*.

Reason for Decision: The Interim Storage Site (ISS) is an interim status unit, which was used by DOE/SNL for storage of containerized RCRA-regulated hazardous/mixed waste from 1989 until 1996. Under the proposed Closure Plan, the ISS will be clean-closed to meet RCRA closure performance standards in 20.4.1.600 NMAC incorporating 40 CFR §265.111.

The proposed Closure Plan contains provisions for sampling at the ISS for purposes of determining if any hazardous or radioactive wastes were spilled or leaked onto the surface at the ISS. This sampling has been completed. However, analytical results are pending.

The administrative record for this action includes the proposed Closure Plan for the ISS, Notice of Administrative Completeness and the NMED Request for Supplemental

Information based on review of the initial draft Closure Plan for the ISS submitted to the NMED in December 1999. The administrative record may be reviewed from March 19, 2001, through April 18, 2001, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the **NMED, Hazardous Waste Bureau, 2044 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505**. The administrative record may also be reviewed at the **Government Information Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87131-1466**. To obtain a copy of the administrative record or any part thereof, at 35 cents per page, please contact John Kieling at the Santa Fe address above or call 505-827-1558, extension 1012.

Any person who wishes to comment on the proposed Closure Plan for the ISS or wishes to request a public hearing should submit written comments/requests, along with the commentator's/requestor's name and address, to the Hazardous Waste Bureau at the above Santa Fe address. Requests for a public hearing should include a statement of the nature of the issues to be raised in the hearing. If a public hearing is scheduled, a 30-day notice will be published by the NMED. Only comments and requests for hearing received by April 18, 2001, will be considered.

All written comments, along with issues raised at a Public Hearing (if held) will become part of the administrative record and will be considered in formulating the final decision. NMED will approve, modify and approve, or deny the proposed Closure Plan for the ISS based on the administrative record. NMED will notify DOE/SNL and each person who submitted a written comment or a statement at a Public Hearing of the final decision, including any changes made in finalizing the Closure Plan, and a statement of reasons for any such change. The final decision will require that closure of the ISS be conducted according to applicable State and Federal laws.