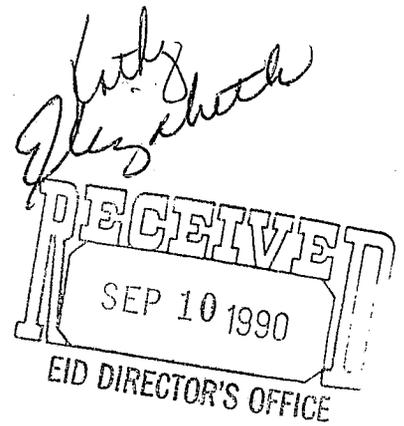




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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Richard Mitzelfelt  
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Dear Mr. Mitzelfelt:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the first filing of the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Part A application for the Mixed Waste Storage and Treatment to be conducted at our facility, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque (SNL). The application is totally separate from our Hazardous Waste Part A and Part B filings. The EPA Identification Number for SNL, Albuquerque is NM5890110518.

As we have indicated in our prior discussions with personnel from the Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau, this application represents our most conservative estimate of the specific mixed wastes (type and quantity) we will be managing at the facility and the largest amount of storage/treatment units we anticipate utilizing for these waste streams at this time. Due to the complications of the radioactive component, we do not have all of the waste streams completely characterized and anticipate completing this task over the next few years as outlined in our Waste Characterization Plan. A copy of this plan was provided to Dr. E. Gordon of your staff on August 15, 1990 during the tour/visit of some of the storage units and generation points for mixed wastes at SNL. We plan to revise this Part A application periodically as required to provide you with the most current situation of the mixed waste management program during the upcoming years as the characterization activities proceed and more data becomes available.

The following statement/certification is provided per the instruction of our Headquarter's office via SEN-22-90 (Secretary of Energy Notice, No. 22, 1990).

The Department of Energy and its operating contractor, SNL, have jointly signed this application as the operator of the permitted facility. The Department has determined that dual signatures best reflect the actual apportionment of responsibility under which the Department's RCRA responsibilities are for policy, programmatic, funding and scheduling decisions, as well as general oversight, and the contractor's RCRA responsibilities are for day-to-day operations, including but not limited to, the following responsibilities: wastes analyses and handling, monitoring, record keeping, reporting, and

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contingency planning. For purposes of the certification required by 40 C.F.R. Section 270.11(d), the Department's and SNL's representatives certify, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the truth, accuracy and completeness of the application for their respective areas of responsibility at this time.

We would like to receive your comments, suggestions, and any required corrections for the Part A application as we are submitting it today. We have contacted Dr. Gordon to set a meeting date with the appropriate personnel sometime in the latter part of September for us to continue our discussions of the mixed waste program at SNL and specifically the Part A and associated Part B applications.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. We also want to express our appreciation for the assistance and knowledgeable guidance provided by your staff for establishment of a compliant mixed waste program at SNL. We commit our best efforts to continuation of this cooperative working relationship between our respective staffs as it has been very beneficial to our operations and we perceive many more beneficial exchanges in the future. If you have any questions or require further information, please call Sue E. Umshler, of my staff, at (505) 845-6671.

Sincerely,

  
for Albert R. Chernoff  
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