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Mr. J.D. Campbell
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

The Department of Energy's Los Alamos Site Office has reviewed the Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board recommendation 2009-05 – Recommendation for 2011 Priorities for LANL Remediation. The Los Alamos Site Office response to this recommendation is provided in the attachment.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact David Gregory at (505) 667-5808, or myself at (505) 606-0397.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

Recommendation No. 2009-05 by Environmental Monitoring and Surveillance Committee

Recommendation for 2011 Priorities for LANL Remediation

Recommendation

The Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board recommends that the top three priorities for Fiscal Year 2011 (in no specific order) are:

1. Emphasis on funding for closure for MDA-G.
2. Continue remediation of TA-21.
3. Continue Canyon Watershed Investigations regarding ground and surface water quality.

Response

The DOE/NNSA Los Alamos Site Office (LASO) concurs completely with this recommendation and will use this recommendation to develop an Integrated Priorities List of activities in Fiscal Year 2011.

1. DOE LASO is committed to ensuring that funding requirements are identified and reflected in budget requests that cover work within the New Mexico Environment Department Order on Consent.
2. The greatest portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds are being applied to the TA-21 area. Base program work will also continue in FY2011 in parallel with ARRA activities.
3. Canyon Watershed Investigations will continue in FY 2011. Additional groundwater monitoring wells planned for FY 2010 should provide highly reliable water samples and further strengthen the investigations and characterizations required under the Consent Order. Surface water sampling will continue as an on-going program.

DOE LASO will keep the NNM CAB apprised of progress in these activities and appreciates your recommendations and perspectives on the ongoing Environmental Management cleanup activities at Los Alamos National Laboratory. As such, LASO is committed to continuing to involve the NNM CAB in its annual prioritization to support the budgeting process.