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Subject: Request for Additional Information:
Final Report: Closure of the PNM Person Generating Station Hazardous
Waste Storage Facility - Natural Pit Area
(NMT360010342)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The RCRA Permits Management Program (RPMP) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the above-referenced Report, dated November 15, 1996, as required under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations.

RPMP has comments on the Report which must be addressed in order for us to complete our review. These comments are enclosed as Attachment A.

Your response to these comments must be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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If you have any questions please contact Carl Will of my staff at 505-827-1561.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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file: HSWA/PNMPS/Natural Pit Area
track: PNMPS/1-7-98/Johnson/Dinwiddie/RSI Natural Pit Area Closure Report

ATTACHMENT

**COMMENTS ON PNM
CLOSURE REPORT,
PERSON GENERATING STATION - NATURAL PIT AREA**

January 7, 1998

1.2 Purpose and Scope of Report

Samples were analyzed for total chromium, with results of 90 mg/kg in soil at the site. These levels of chromium could be a threat to human health and the environment if levels of chromium VI are high enough to present a potential threat to groundwater and surface water. Submit a proposal for sampling at the locations of chromium detections and analyzing for chromium VI.