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Mr. George Rael
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**Subject: To Provide Formal Status of the LANS Assigned Responsibilities on the Airport Ash
Pile Removal Project**

Dear Mr. Rael:

This letter provides the formal status of the Los Alamos National Security (LANS) assigned responsibilities on the Airport Ash Pile Removal Project. LANS is responsible for analytical-sample processing and analysis, waste management and disposal, and final report preparation for this effort.

This project was resumed on April 10, 2007, after a temporary shut down because of snow conditions in Pueblo Canyon. Approximately 3,000 cubic yards of ash-related wastes have been collected for disposal at Area G.

The last analytical sample was collected on Thursday, May 3, 2007. This date was one week later than Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc. (ITSI) the Department of Energy (DOE) contractor's goal to complete cleanup activities and analytical laboratory sampling by Friday, April 27, or Saturday, April 28. All analytical laboratory samples collected were submitted for a two-week turnaround time. Subsequently, it was determined that the project could benefit from accelerating the dioxin/furan and metals analyses to a one-week turnaround. Therefore, for these two analytical suites only (dioxin/furans and metals) the Sample Management Office was directed to submit for a one-week turnaround.

To date, the analytical laboratories have been meeting data-delivery dates. Currently, 97% of the data is complete in the Environmental Restoration Database (ERDB), and 95% of the data has been validated.

As of this date, ITSI has not submitted any of the report sections/appendices for which the company is responsible. ITSI continues to be appraised of the report production schedule and the need to submit those sections of the report. In addition, accurate sample coordinate and excavated sample location information have yet to be provided. This information is required immediately in order to

pull the correct data and produce figures for the report. Continued delay in receipt of the information will negatively impact report delivery.

Because of the delays experienced in obtaining report information from ITSI, a report delivery date cannot be provided at this time. If all information is received in correct format by June 6, 2007, the report should be available by June 27, 2007. Further delays in receipt or format issues may delay the report. Continued delays will be communicated immediately to management and DOE.

If you have questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov).

Sincerely,



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