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Subject: Submittal of the Fate and Transport Modeling Report for Chromium Contamination from Sandia Canyon

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Enclosed please find two hard copies with electronic files of the "Fate and Transport Modeling Report for Chromium Contamination Originating from Sandia Canyon." The report is being submitted pursuant to a requirement of the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) March 5, 2007, approval with direction of the Sandia Canyon and Cañada del Buey investigation work plan addendum. The addendum was resubmitted on April 6, 2007, and included changes made following from NMED's approval with direction.

This report advances the Los Alamos National Laboratory's current conceptual understanding of the fate and transport of chromium (and related) contaminants from the suspected source in upper Sandia Canyon to the regional groundwater. This model along with other information will guide the next phase of the Sandia Canyon (chromium) investigation to further understand the nature and extent of contamination and chromium behavior and to better inform future decisions. Recommendations for the next investigation phase are included in this report.

If you have any questions, please contact Danny Katzman at (505) 667-6333 (katzman@lanl.gov) or Mat Johansen at (505) 665-5046 (mjohansen@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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- Enclosures: 1) Two hard copies with electronic files Fate and Transport Modeling Report for Chromium Contamination from Sandia Canyon (EP2007-0542)
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