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James P. Bearzi, Bureau Chief Hazardous Waste Bureau New Mexico Environment Department 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1 Santa Fe, NM 87505-6303

Subject: Review of February 2008 Groundwater Data

Dear Mr. Bearzi:



The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Water Stewardship Project (LWSP) met on March 13, 2008, to review new groundwater data received in February 2008. At that time, several groundwater samples were identified with contaminant concentrations above the New Mexico or federal water quality standards. Because of issues with the database, these data are incomplete; the remaining new data will be reviewed and sent to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in a subsequent report.

The LWSP deputy program director notified the Hazardous Waste Bureau by telephone on March 13, 2008, and followed up with an email on the same day. The three instances of a contaminant above a standard for the first time (based on samples collected since June 14, 2007) are tabulated in the attached report. Samples collected before June 14, 2007, at these locations contained the same contaminant at concentrations above a standard.

This letter is our written submission that indicates in the accompanying report and tables the chemical constituents that meet the seven screening criteria laid out in the Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Final Order signed by NMED, the U.S. Department of Energy, and Los Alamos National Security, LLC, on June 14, 2007. The report identifies data collected since June 14, 2007, that meet these criteria.

If you have questions, please contact Ardyth Simmons at (505) 665-3935 (asimmons@lanl.gov) or Mat Johansen at (505) 665-5046 (mjohansen@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Report and accompanying tables - Summary of New Los Alamos National Laboratory

Groundwater Data Loaded in February 2008 (EP2008-0132)

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