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Subject: Submittal of a Proposed Integrated Well-Installation Schedule

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm recent discussions between the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration and Los Alamos National Laboratory (collectively the Permittees) regarding requirements for additional groundwater wells. The Permittees have developed an integrated well-installation schedule strategy for fiscal year 2010 (Attachment 1). This integrated schedule is illustrated in Attachment 2. This schedule includes 16 regional and intermediate wells, 2 alluvial wells in Water Canyon.

The Permittee's will install these regional and intermediate wells to provide groundwater data in support of key Compliance Order on Consent (the Consent Order) documents. This schedule is consistent with discussions had at several working sessions with NMED over the last 2 months. The proposed completion dates are explained in Attachment 1. Where dates have been adjusted, the logic was tested and confirmed that the groundwater data will still be available for reporting.

This integrated well-installation plan addresses 16 intermediate or regional aquifer wells, with the proposed locations presented in Attachment 3. The integrated plan documents a reasonable, but aggressive, schedule to execute this work. Additionally, where well schedules can be accelerated, the Permittees will pursue the opportunity because this approach provides efficiencies in equipment and personnel deployment, lowers cost, adjusts schedule contingencies for subsequent work, and accelerates sampling.

The Permittees are seeking an approval of the integrated schedule to better execute the drilling plan. The Permittees are requesting that NMED use these dates when each well completion schedule is established and communicated to the Permittees under separate correspondence applicable to that well.

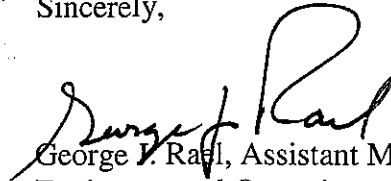
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Attachments: (1) Summary Intergrated Schedule Adjustments and Explanation (LA-UR-09-6259)
(2) Intergrated Schedule (LA-UR-09-6259)
(3) Proposed Locations of New Regional and Intermediate Wells (LA-UR-09-6259)

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