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Subject: Submittal of the Drilling Work Plan for Regional Aquifer Well R-51

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Enclosed please find two hard copies with electronic files of the drilling work plan for regional aquifer well R-51 for review by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The proposed execution schedule, as detailed in the drilling work plan, was established to sequence the effective use of appropriate drilling equipment and qualified crews. The completion date has been determined to support data needs for subsequent Compliance Order on Consent processes. The date is also consistent with an integrated well-installation schedule for fiscal year 2010 as submitted to NMED in a letter dated October 14, 2009. Your approval of the drilling plan and schedule is respectfully requested.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Everett at (505) 667-5931 (meverett@lanl.gov) or Ed Worth at (505) 606-0398 (eworth@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Two hard copies with electronic files – Drilling Work Plan for Regional Aquifer Well R-51 (LA-UR-09-7263)

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