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Los Alamos National Laboratory Sitewide Monitoring Program Drinking Water Results for the City of Santa Fe Buckman Water Supply Wells

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Subject: Los Alamos National Laboratory Sitewide Monitoring Program Drinking Water Results for the City of Santa Fe Buckman Water Supply Wells

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This report, prepared by Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory), provides the analytical results from the November 24, 2009, and March 9, 2010, sampling of the City of Santa Fe's Buckman Wells Nos. 1, 6, and 8 for low-level tritium analysis. All results were below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water standards.

Routine monitoring of select Buckman water supply wells is conducted in accordance with the April 22, 2010, sampling and analysis plan cooperatively developed between the Laboratory and City of Santa Fe staff. Under this plan, Buckman Wells Nos. 1, 6, and 8 will be sampled quarterly by the Laboratory: twice per year for full-suite analysis (radiologicals [including tritium], general inorganics [including perchlorate], metals [including chromium], and organics); and twice per year for low-level tritium.

The attached CD contains the following items: (1) University of Miami Tritium Laboratory (UMTL) data reports; and (2) an Excel file of all analytical results with a glossary of laboratory qualification codes, secondary validation codes, and secondary validation reason codes. The analytical results are as follows.

- Tritium: Tritium results from the November 24, 2009, and March 9, 2010, sampling of Buckman Wells Nos. 1, 6, and 8 were nondetect (U flag), as indicated by the secondary validation code "U." Analytical results are presented in Table 1.0. The EPA maximum contaminant level (MCL) for tritium in drinking water is 20,000 pCi/L.
- Field Parameters: Results from the measurement of field parameters—conductivity, temperature, turbidity, and pH—are presented in Table 2.0. All results are compliant with the EPA Secondary Drinking Water Regulations.

In summary, all results presented in this report are below EPA drinking water standards. If you would like additional information regarding this report, please contact Bob Beers at (505) 667-7969 (bbeers@lanl.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attachment: CD with the following items:

- (1) UMTL data reports
- (2) Excel file of Tables 1.0–2.0 and glossary of laboratory qualification codes, secondary validation codes, and secondary validation reason codes (LA-UR-10-4677)

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