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Subject: Submittal of the Response to the Notice of Disapproval for the Investigation Work Plan for Upper Water Canyon Aggregate Area and Revision 1

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Enclosed please find two hard copies with electronic files of the response to the notice of disapproval (NOD) for the Investigation Work Plan for Upper Water Canyon Aggregate Area and Revision 1. Also enclosed is an electronic copy of a redline strikeout version of the plan that includes all changes made in response to the New Mexico Environment's (NMED's) NOD, dated October 26, 2010. A table detailing where revisions have been made to the report with cross-references to NMED's numbered comments is also included.

Please be advised that Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) does not intend to submit the drilling work plans discussed in NMED's General Comment 4 in its NOD. As discussed in our response, it is the Laboratory's position that the installation of a new intermediate and regional well in this part of Laboratory property is premature. The need for new wells will be assessed using the results from the investigation proposed in the work plan.

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Suzy Schulman at (505) 606-1962 (sschulman@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Two hard copies with electronic files:

- (1) Response to the Notice of Disapproval for Investigation Work Plan for Upper Water Canyon Aggregate Area (LA-UR-11-0129)
- (2) Investigation Upper Water Canyon Aggregate Area, Revision 1 (LA-UR-11-0135)
- (3) An electronic copy of the redline-strikeout version of the plan that includes all changes and edits to the document
- (4) Cross-reference table of NMED NOD comments and revisions to the report

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