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

Subject: Submittal of the Response to the Notice of Disapproval for the Investigation Work Plan for Chaquehui Canyon Aggregate Area, 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 Chaquehui Canyon Aggregate Area, revision 1 (the work plan).

In addition to a response, the NOD requested Los Alamos National Security, LLC, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) (collectively, the Laboratory) submit a revised version of the work plan. The substantive NOD comments require changes to the sampling approach proposed by the Laboratory (i.e., additional samples or analyses). The remaining comments were primarily editorial and did not affect the proposed investigation approach. As discussed with New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) staff on January 31, 2011, the changes to the investigation approach resulting from the NOD comments can be addressed in an approval with modifications without revising the entire work plan. Therefore, NMED agreed that a revised work plan would not need to be submitted with the NOD response. Instead, NMED requested that a revised version of the work plan table summarizing proposed samples and analyses (Table 4.0-1) be submitted as replacement pages for the work plan. The revised Table 4.0-1 is enclosed to document the changes resulting from NMED's comments and the Laboratory's responses. A redline-strikeout version of the table is also enclosed to identify the specific changes made to the sampling approach.

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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