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RE: NO LONGER CONTAINED-IN DETERMINATION DRILLING FLUIDS, DEVELOPMENT WATER, AND CONTACT WASTE REGIONAL WELL R-63 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID#NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-MISC-GW

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for "Contained-In" Determination for Drilling Fluids, Development Water, and Associated Contact Waste from Regional Well R-63* (Request) dated April 7, 2011 and referenced by ENV-RCRA-11-0064.

The analytical results for the development water indicate that toluene, a potentially Flisted constituent, is present in the media. The Permittees provide a comparison of the maximum detected concentration of toluene in the development water with the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) groundwater standard, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Act Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) and Land Disposal Treatment Standards (LDR) that shows the toluene concentrations are well below the WQCC, EPA MCL, and LDR comparison Messrs. Rael and Graham April 29, 2011 Page 2

standards. Therefore, the waste is not a characteristic hazardous waste as defined by 40 CFR 261.21 through 261.24. Based on the information provided, NMED has determined that the development water and associated contact waste does not need to be managed as hazardous waste.

Because the Request does not include analytical results for drilling fluids, NMED cannot make a determination as to whether or not the drilling fluids need to be managed as hazardous waste. NMED will evaluate the status of the drilling fluids upon receipt of appropriate analytical data for them.

Please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673 should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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