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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE
VAPOR SAMPLING AT
MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA V
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-11-077**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request to Discontinue Vapor Sampling at Material Disposal Area V* dated November 1, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0357.

The Permittees request to discontinue vapor monitoring at Material Disposal Area (MDA) V because certificates of completion have been issued for the four solid waste management units and the area of concern associated with MDA V. In addition, removal of buried waste at MDA B, located adjacent to MDA V, was completed in September 2011, which eliminates a potential source of subsurface vapor-phase contamination.

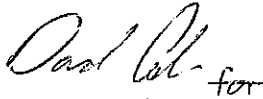
NMED hereby approves the discontinuation of vapor monitoring at MDA V. The

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Permittees must notify NMED, within 30 days should information become available that indicates that vapor monitoring should be resumed or that additional corrective action is necessary at the site.

Please contact Dave Cobrain at (505) 476-6055 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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