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January 11, 2013

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RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS
WORK PLAN TO RECONFIGURE WELL CdV-R-37-2
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-12-022

Dear Messrs Maggiore and Mousseau:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Work Plan to Reconfigure Well CdV-R-37-2* (Plan) dated November 27, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0257.

NMED has reviewed the Plan and hereby issues this approval with the following modifications.

1. In order to monitor contamination at the regional aquifer water table at well CdV-R-37-2, the Permittees must install a single-pump sampling system at screen 2. Screen 3 must be isolated from screen 2 by installing two packers between these screens, with the upper packer made of inert material (e.g., silicone rubber, Viton® or similar monitoring-grade material). Below screen 3, cement must be placed from 1445 feet (ft) below ground surface (bgs), as proposed in the Plan, to the bottom of the well at 1587 ft bgs.

2. After reconfiguring the well, the Permittees must redevelop screen 2 by swabbing and pumping a sufficient volume of groundwater to remove any mixed water and any foreign material (e.g., sediment, cement derived from grouting deeper screens), and to increase the likelihood of obtaining representative groundwater samples from the upper portion of the regional aquifer at screen 2.

The Permittees must complete the reconfiguration of well CdV-R-37-2 no later than June 30, 2013 and submit a summary report of reconfiguration activities no later than **August 31, 2013**. Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Dale of my staff at (505) 661-2673.

Sincerely,

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Chief

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