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**RE: APPROVAL
SCREENING-LEVEL ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT METHODS,
REVISION 3
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-12-061**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Mousseau:

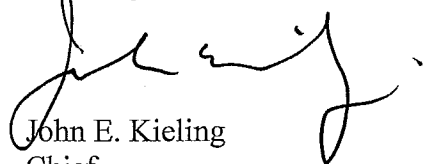
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Screening-Level Ecological Risk Assessment Methods, Revision 3*, dated November 2012 and referenced by LA-UR-12-24152/EP2012-0159. NMED hereby approves the submittal.

NMED also received the ECORISK Database Release 3.1 (October 2012) submitted by the Permittees. The methodology for determining lowest-observed adverse effect levels and/or lowest-observed effect concentrations is consistent with NMED, Environmental Protection Agency and LANS guidance for evaluating ecological risk. NMED has no comments or issues at this time.

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Please contact Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6042, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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