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## **CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

July 26, 2013

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## RE: FORCE MAJEURE - STAGE III FIRE RESTRICTIONS LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID #NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-13-MISC

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) *Notification of Force Majeure – Stage III Fire Restrictions*, dated July 8, 2013 and referenced by EP2013-0136.

The Permittees submitted this notification pursuant to the requirements in Section III.H.3 of the Consent Order. The reason cited for the request was that the Laboratory was under Stage III fire restrictions and could not complete scheduled work on time due to restricted access to certain areas of the Laboratory. NMED was subsequently notified on July 9, 2013, via an email that due to recent significant rainfall, the Stage III fire restrictions were rescinded effective July 8, 2013, the same date as of Force Majeure notification.

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NMED assumes that the purpose of Permittees email notification was to withdraw the force majeure request. The fire restrictions were rescinded before any scheduled work was affected. Please contact Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6042, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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