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**RE: CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION
ONE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT AND TWO AREAS OF CONCERN
IN THE LOWER SANDIA CANYON AGGREGATE AREA
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-12-020**

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) *Request for Certificates of Completion for One Solid Waste Management Unit and Two Areas of Concern in the Lower Sandia Canyon Aggregate Area*, dated March 21, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0081.

Solid waste management unit (SWMU) 53-001(b), area of concern (AOC) 53-013, and AOC 53-014 were recommended for corrective action complete without controls in the *Investigation Report for Lower Sandia Canyon Aggregate Area Revision 1* (LA-UR-11-4795/EP2011-0261). NMED approved the Report on September 26, 2011.

SWMU 53-001(b) is an outdoor storage area located on a concrete pad on the south side of building 53-2 at technical area (TA) 53. The site was used to store drums containing product and waste associated with maintenance activities conducted at building 53-2. The storage area was constructed in 1971. The area was also used as a less than 90-day storage area that was taken out of service in 1998. Investigations were conducted in 1995 and 2010. Based on the results of the risk screening assessments, no potential unacceptable risk from residual contamination exists for the industrial, construction worker, and residential scenarios. The ecological risk screening assessment results also indicate that the site does not pose any unacceptable risk to environmental receptors.

AOC 53-013 is a lead spill site located near the east end of TA-53, northeast of buildings 53-10 and 53-315. Lead shot was present within two fenced areas used for storage and the staging of equipment used in experiments. Lead shot was used as radiation shielding for experiments conducted in building 53-10. The dates when shot was spilled on the ground are not known, but possibly date back to the late 1960s or early 1970s. Investigations were conducted in 1995 and 2010. Based on the results of the risk screening assessments, no potential unacceptable risk from residual contamination exists for the industrial, construction worker, and residential scenarios. The ecological risk screening assessment results also indicate that the site does not pose any unacceptable risk to environmental receptors.

AOC 53-014 is a lead spill site that is located at a paved storage area in TA-53 west of building 53-18. Lead shot was spilled on the paved surface and stormwater subsequently washed lead into an asphalt-lined channel that joins the drainage below NPDES outfall (03A113). A voluntary corrective action was conducted in 1997 to remove the lead shot from the paved area, the asphalt channel, and the drainage. The sediment was sieved to remove lead and confirmatory samples were collected. The results of the sediment samples collected at the site indicated that detected lead concentrations were below the NMED soil screening levels. The site does not pose any potential unacceptable risk for the industrial, construction worker, and residential scenarios. The ecological risk screening assessment results also indicate that the site does not pose any unacceptable risk to environmental receptors.

The Permittees have demonstrated that these sites are eligible for corrective action complete without controls. NMED hereby issues Certificates of Completion for SWMU 53-001(b), AOC 53-013, and AOC 53-014 pursuant to section VII.E.6.b of the Consent Order.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John E. Kieling" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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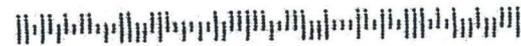
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