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

October 16, 2013

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## RE: NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FORCE MAJEURE – TERMINATION OF ACCESS TO GAGING STATION E109.9 ON SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO LAND LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID#NM0890018 HWB-LANL-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 Resulting from Termination of Access to Gaging Station E109.9 on San Ildefonso Pueblo Land* (Notification), dated August 27, 2013 and referenced by EP2013-0187. In accordance with Section III.H.3 of the March 1, 2005 Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order), the Permittees provided an email notification to NMED on August 16, 2013.

The Permittees state in the Notification that the Pueblo of San Ildefonso sent a letter to DOE, dated August 9, 2013, notifying the Laboratory of its "intent to terminate all agreements in relation to station E109.9 (also referred to as E110) located within the exterior boundary of the Pueblo of San Ildefonso." Station E109.9 is currently sampled

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under the Permittees' Los Alamos/Pueblo Canyons sediment transport mitigation project. Without access, the Permittees will be unable to include data for station E109.9 in the annual storm water performance monitoring report.

This correspondence constitutes written notice of NMED's agreement under Section III.H.3 of the Consent Order that a force majeure event has occurred. NMED agrees that the Permittees will be unable to collect data at station E109.9 for the foreseeable future, but expects the Permittees to nevertheless make all reasonable attempts to negotiate future access to this important monitoring location.

Please contact Ben Wear at (505) 476-6041 if you have questions.

Sincerely, John E. Kieling Chief

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