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RE: APPROVAL
DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING
WELL SIMR-2 (FORMERLY R-68)
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Brandt:

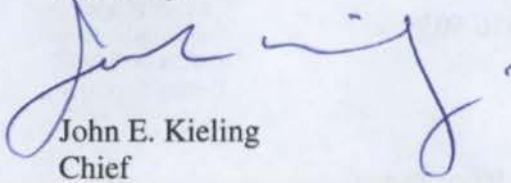
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Drilling Work Plan for Groundwater Monitoring Well SIMR-2 (Formerly R-68)* (Plan) dated January, 2015 and referenced by EP2015-0001. The Plan was received on February 2, 2015. NMED has reviewed the Plan, and hereby issues this approval.

Well SIMR-2 must be completed by **September 30, 2015**, as proposed in the Plan.

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Please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John E. Kieling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "K".

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