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**RE: APPROVAL
WORK PLAN FOR INTERMEDIATE GROUNDWATER SYSTEM
CHARACTERIZATION AT CONSOLIDATED UNIT 16-021(c)-99
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-15-040**

Dear Ms. Gelles and Mr. 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 *Work Plan for Intermediate Groundwater System Characterization at Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99* (Plan) dated August 2015 and referenced by EP2015-0109. NMED has reviewed the Plan, and hereby issues this approval.

The Permittees must submit a report summarizing the results, with recommendations, associated with characterization activities as proposed in the Plan by **December 15, 2016**.

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Please contact Michael Dale at (505) 476-3078 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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