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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 12, 2016

Mr. Anthony R. Grieggs Environmental Protection Division Environmental Compliance Programs (ENV-CP) PO Box 1663, K490 Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545

Permit # 16-001

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION TO DESTROY UNSTABLE HAZARDOUS WASTE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, EPA ID# NM0890010515

Dear Mr. Grieggs,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) hereby authorizes Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Emergency Response team to destroy unstable hazardous waste that LANL has determined poses an imminent and substantial health and safety risk. The waste covered by this authorization is identified in correspondence from LANL on January 12, 2016 and consists of the following:

• 757.86 grams of Fluorinated Oxidizer Salts as described in the accompanying attachment

LANL's HAZMAT personnel are authorized to detonate the unstable hazardous material at a safe onsite location at TA-49 in accordance with 20.4.1.900 NMAC.

Emergency destruction of waste materials is allowed when performed in accordance with 20.4.1.900, incorporating 40 CFR § 270.1(c)(3), under an emergency permit issued by NMED in accordance with 20.4.1.900 NMAC incorporating 40 CFR § 270.61. While operating under this authorization, LANL must take all necessary safety precautions and comply with all applicable requirements of 40 CFR part 264, subparts C and D in accordance with 20.4.1.500 NMAC

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incorporating 40 CFR § 264.1(g)(8)(ii). This authorization is valid only through 5:00 p.m., January 29, 2016.

LANL must properly dispose of any hazardous residues that remain after the destruction. LANL must also submit a report to NMED detailing the activities conducted under this emergency permit within seven days after the emergency activity was completed, or no later than February 5, 2016.

Sincerely, serie (raen

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