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**RE: APPROVAL
DEVELOPMENT OF ECOLOGICAL PRELIMINARY REMEDIATION GOALS
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID# EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-17-008**

Dear Messrs. Hintze and Robinson:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Development of Ecological Preliminary Remediation Goals for Los Alamos National Laboratory* (EcoPRG Report), dated February 2017 and received March 9, 2017 (referenced by LA-UR-16-26470/EP2017-0040).

The Permittees had provided the Draft EcoPRG Report dated October, 2016, for NMED's review. NMED reviewed the Draft EcoPRG Report and provided comments electronically to the Permittees regarding the use of ecological preliminary remediation goals (EcoPRGs) during evaluation of contaminated sites. The Permittees incorporated those comments in the final EcoPRG Report. NMED did not identify any other issues regarding the derivation of EcoPRGs. The approach used by the Permittees for derivation of EcoPRGs is similar to the approach recommended for ecological screening assessments in the NMED's Soil Screening Guidance.

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NMED hereby approves the EcoPRG Report. Please contact Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6042, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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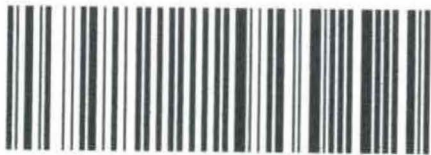
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