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**RE: APPROVAL
CHROMIUM BACKGROUND STUDY REPORT
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
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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 L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Chromium Background Study Report* (Report), dated September 29, 2017 and referenced by LA-UR-17-28239/EP2017-0133.

The report presents the results of the activities described in the NMED approved June, 2017, *Chromium Background Study Workplan*. A draft version of the report was submitted on September 13, 2017 and in accordance with Section XXIII of the 2016 *Compliance Order on Consent* (Consent Order), a pre-submission meeting was held between NMED and the Permittee's on September 18, 2017. NMED comments and concerns on the content and technical approach presented in the draft document were resolved by the Permittees and are reflected in the final report. NMED has reviewed the Permittees' Report and hereby issues this Approval.

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Sincerely,



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