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RE: APPROVAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR R-68 AND DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR R-69, REVISION 1 EPA ID#NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-17-065

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) *Summary Report for R-68 and Drilling Work Plan for R-69, Revision 1* (Report and Plan) dated September, 2017 and referenced by EP2017-0129. The Report was received on September 28, 2017. In accordance with Section XXIII of the 2016 *Compliance Order on Consent* (Consent Order), a pre-submittal meeting was held on August 18, 2017, where NMED and the Permittees resolved all pertinent issues concerning the Report and Plan such as the drillsite location for the proposed regional ground water well, R-69. NMED has reviewed the Permittees' Report and Plan and hereby issues this Approval. Messrs. Hintze and Robinson October 23, 2017 Page 2

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Sincerely, ohn E. Kieling Chief Hazardous Waste Bureau

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