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**RE: PROPOSED DELETION OF WASTE FROM THE SITE TREATMENT PLAN, FEDERAL FACILITY COMPLIANCE ORDER, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, REFERENCE ENV-RRO-09-061  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, EPA ID NO. NM08990010515  
LANL-09-050**

Dear Ms. Powers and Mr. Henckel:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received a letter dated September 8, 2009 (referenced by ENV-RRO-09-061) submitted by Los Alamos National Security, LLC and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) (Respondents) proposing to remove ten experimental test vessels of mixed transuranic waste inventory from the Site Treatment Plan (STP) in accordance with Section IX of the Federal Facility Compliance Order. Respondents requested NMED concurrence with the proposed process to remove each vessel from the STP.

NMED has reviewed the proposal, including the description of the process described in *Execution of the Bolas Grande Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory* as was attached to the letter, and concurs with the proposal as described. This concurrence is predicated upon NMED receiving written notification from the Respondents at least 45 calendar days prior to the start of recovery operations, and subsequently receiving written notification that a vessel is to be removed from the STP at least 15 calendar days before that vessel is transferred to the recovery facility at the Chemistry Metallurgy Research building for processing.

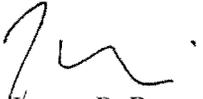
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If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Steve Zappe of my staff at (505) 476-6051 or by email at [steve.zappe@state.nm.us](mailto:steve.zappe@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,



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