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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE MORTANDAD CANYON GROUNDWATER
WORK PLAN, REVISION 1
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID# NM0890010515**

Dear Messrs. Nanos and Johansen:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the *Mortandad Canyon Groundwater Work Plan, Revision 1*, submitted by the Department of Energy and the University of California (collectively, the "Permittees"), dated January 16, 2004 and referenced by LA-UR-04-0165 (ER2004-0019). NMED has determined that the document meets NMED's requirements for the investigation of groundwater in the Mortandad Canyon watershed at Los Alamos National Laboratory. NMED approves the work plan. The submittal date for the Investigation Report will be defined in the schedule in the NMED Order. Responses to the comments in Attachment 2 of NMED's October 1, 2003 Notice of Deficiency that were not included in the Permittees' Response to Comments dated October 29, 2003 must be addressed in the Investigation Report. Depending on the results of the groundwater investigation, NMED may require the installation of additional wells in Mortandad Canyon.

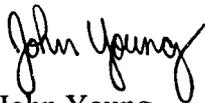


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If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (505) 428-2538.

Sincerely,



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