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**Subject: Notification of Consolidation of Los Alamos National Laboratory Firing Site Activities**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) is currently developing a strategic planning process to consolidate firing site activities and to eliminate firing site activities where feasible.

This process will have direct bearing on Section IV.A.5 of the Compliance Order on Consent (the Consent Order). Once the plan is finalized, the testing hazard zones identified in Section IV.A.5 of the Consent Order will change. Certain solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs) currently within testing hazard zones and identified as deferred in Table IV-2 of the Consent Order may no longer fall within zones of active testing activities. For such sites, the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Laboratory will be able to initiate corrective action investigations.

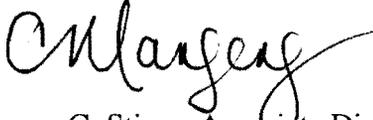
Conversely, some SWMUs and AOCs identified as nondeferred in Table IV-1 of the Consent Order may fall within active testing zones newly defined by the strategic consolidation of detonation activities. Because these SWMUs and AOCs will be impacted continually by future ongoing firing site activities, DOE and the Laboratory may need to defer certain sites currently listed as non-deferred.

Upon DOE's finalization of the Laboratory's consolidation effort, DOE will notify the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) per section IV.A.5.b of the Consent Order. Because of the wide-scale impact of the plan, the DOE and the Laboratory will request NMED input before revising the map entitled "Los Alamos National Laboratory Firing Sites," which is part of the Administrative Record for the Consent Order.



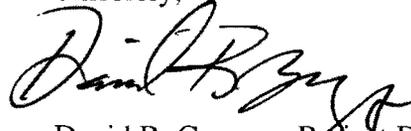
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