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**RE: APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO ADDRESS  
RECENTLY IDENTIFIED ISSUES WITH INFLATABLE PACKERS IN  
MONITORING WELLS  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) letter entitled *Recently Identified Issues with Inflatable Packers in Monitoring Wells* (Letter) dated November 20, 2009 and referenced by EP2009-0624.

NMED has reviewed the Letter and approves the proposed corrective actions to address underpressurization of inflatable packers emplaced in groundwater monitoring wells at the Facility. As proposed in the Letter, a report summarizing the impact of packers underinflation on representativeness of groundwater data must be submitted by the Permittees no later than February 28, 2010.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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