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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

July 24, 2015

Anthony R. Grieggs, Group Leader  
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P.O. Box 1663, K490  
Los Alamos, NM 87545

**RE: Response to Notice of Intent to Discharge; Discharge Permit Not Required for Horizontal Directional Drilling, AI:856 (PRD20150007)**

Dear Mr. Grieggs:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a Notice of Intent on July 14, 2015 for the potential discharges of drilling fluid from horizontal directional drilling during the installation of underground utilities. Drilling cuttings will be managed in accordance with the *Land Application of Investigation Derived Waste Solids from Construction of Wells and Boreholes NOI Decision Tree*, dated October 9, 2007. The notice satisfies the requirements of Subsection A of 20.6.2.1201 NMAC of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations (20.6.2 NMAC). The proposed discharges are located throughout the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County.

Based on the information provided in the NOI, NMED has determined that a Discharge Permit is not required as long as the discharge is as described. A Discharge Permit is not required at this time because the information provided indicates it is unlikely that the discharge will adversely affect ground water quality.

Although a Discharge Permit is not being required for this discharge at this time, you are not relieved of liability should this operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters. Further, this decision by NMED does not relieve you of your responsibility to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, zoning requirements, plumbing codes, and nuisance ordinances.

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Anthony R. Grieggs, AI:856 (PRD20150007)

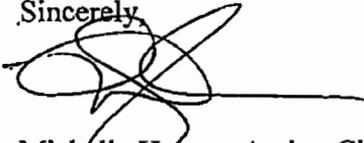
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If at some time in the future you intend to change the amount, character or location of your discharge, or if observation or monitoring shows that the discharge is not as described in your Notice of Intent, you must file a revised Notice of Intent with the Ground Water Quality Bureau.

If you have any questions, please contact either Gerald Knutson at (505) 827-2996 or Steven Huddleson, Program Manager, at (505) 827-2936.

Sincerely,



Michelle Hunter, Acting Chief  
Ground Water Quality Bureau

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enc: Notice of Intent received July 14, 2015

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