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Mr. Doug Hopinkah
New Mexico Environment Department
Albuquerque (District Office)
5500 San Antonio Dr., NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Dear Mr. Hopinkah:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION U.S. NNSA/DOE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID# NM 0890010515

On September 21, 2010, the U.S. NNSA/DOE Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) received a Notice of Violation (NOV) from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) concerning a December 2009 compliance evaluation inspection. The NOV states that the NMED may seek civil penalties as a result of this action, and requests LANL to provide a written response regarding two alleged violations within 15 days of receipt.

Pursuant to a telephone conversation with Mr. Art Vollmer of the Santa Fe Hazardous Waste Bureau office on September 30, 2010. The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request a 15-day extension of time until October 20, 2010 in which to respond to the alleged violations outlined in the NOV. LANL is undertaking a thorough fact investigation and review of the issues, and under the circumstances, additional time would be necessary to fully respond to the issues presented by the NOV. Mr. Vollmer did not indicate that there would be a concern regarding this request.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Haagenstad of my staff at (505) 665-2014.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: AR Grieggs

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