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Mr. Brian Snyder, Public Utilities and Water Division Director  
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**Subject: Los Alamos National Laboratory Sitewide Monitoring Program, City of Santa Fe  
Buckman Water Supply Wells, 2013–2014 Sampling and Analysis Plan**

Dear Mr. Snyder:

Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) has participated in cooperative sampling of select Buckman drinking water-supply wells since 2001. This letter and the attached one-age sampling and analysis plan represents the Laboratory's commitment for the next four quarters of sampling beginning in April 2013. The attached plan was reviewed by the Laboratory and the City of Santa Fe Water Division staff (via Alex Puglisi) to ensure the locations, analytes, and frequencies meet our collective data needs. The sample suites and methods in this plan are the same as those used for sampling our monitoring wells under the New Mexico Environment Department-approved Interim Facility-wide Groundwater Monitoring Plan.

Based on a review of analytical results of groundwater samples collected from City wells, the Laboratory recommends the following changes:

- Filtered groundwater samples will be collected for metals analyses, with the exception of mercury.
- Eliminate the analysis of naturally occurring thorium isotopes, which have not been detected.
- Eliminate the analysis of neptunium-237, which also has not been detected.

In addition, the Laboratory would like to confirm its intent to follow the previously agreed upon practices listed below in reporting analytical results from the Buckman production wells:

1. The Laboratory will follow the historical practice waiting 120 days after sample collection before the Buckman production well data are released to the public or posted to the publicly accessible website, Intellus (<http://www.intellusnm.com/>).
2. If some indication of contamination is detected in a Buckman production well, the Laboratory will work with the Water Division to evaluate the data, collect additional samples, and review the need to modify the sampling and analysis plan to address any questions posed by the potential contaminant.



Additionally, in response to the City of Santa Fe's request that additional language related to confirmation sampling be added to step 2 above (May 07, 2013, email from Alex Puglisi to Steven Paris), the Laboratory will work with the Water Division to schedule a confirmation sampling event for potential detections of Laboratory contaminants. For constituents already collected on a quarterly basis, the confirmation sampling would be the regularly scheduled sampling event. The Laboratory will continue to coordinate the date and time of all sampling with the City to ensure wells are operating and City staff can be present during the sampling event.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Paris at (505) 606-0915 (smparis@lanl.gov) or Cheryl Rodriguez at (505) 665-5330 (cheryl.rodriguez@nnsa.doe.gov).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: City of Santa Fe Buckman Water Supply Wells, 2013–2014 Sampling and Analysis Plan (LA-UR-13-23104)

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City of Santa Fe Buckman Water-Supply Wells 2013–2014 Sampling and Analysis Plan

Location	Analytical Suites										
	Metals		Organics				Radionuclides		Inorganics		
	Metals <sup>a</sup>	Chromium	VOCs	SVOCs	PCBs	HEXP <sup>b</sup>	Radionuclides <sup>c</sup>	Low-Level Tritium	General Inorganics <sup>d</sup>	Nitrate+nitrate	Perchlorate
Buckman No. 1	1, 3	— <sup>e</sup>	1, 3	1, 3	1, 3	1, 3	1, 3	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 3	—	1, 3
Buckman No. 6	1, 3	—	1, 3	1, 3	1, 3	1, 3	1, 3	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 3	—	1, 3
Buckman No. 8	1, 3	—	1, 3	1, 3	1, 3	1, 3	1, 3	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 3	—	1, 3
SF-3A	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	4
SF-4A	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	4

Notes:

Sampling frequencies: 1 = Quarter 1 (Apr–June 2013); 2 = Quarter 2 (July–Sept 2013); 3 = Quarter 3 (Oct–Dec 2013); 4 = Quarter 4 (Jan–Mar 2014).

Samples collected for filtered analysis include metals, anions, cations, nitrate plus nitrite, ammonia, total phosphorus, specific conductance, pH, total dissolved solids (TDS), alkalinity, hardness, and perchlorate.

Samples collected for unfiltered analysis include mercury, VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, high explosive compounds (HEXP), diesel range organics, radionuclides, tritium, total cyanide, total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), and total organic carbon (TOC).

<sup>a</sup> Metals analysis includes Ag, Al, As, B, Ba, Be, Ca, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, Hg, K, Mg, Mn, Mo, Na, Ni, Pb, Sb, Se, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Sn, Ti, V, U, and Zn.

<sup>b</sup> The HEXP analytical suite includes the normal SW-846:8330 analytes plus pentaerythritol tetranitrate; triaminotrinitrobenzene; 3,5-dinitroaniline, tri(o-cresyl)phosphate; 2,4-diamino-6-nitrotoluene; and 2,6-diamino-4-nitrotoluene. These additional analytes are analyzed by SW-846:8321A.

<sup>c</sup> The radionuclide suite includes radium-226 and radium-228, americium-241, strontium-90, isotopic uranium, isotopic plutonium, gamma spectroscopy (for cesium-137, cobalt-60, neptunium-237, potassium-40, and sodium-22), gross alpha, gross beta, and gross gamma.

<sup>d</sup> General inorganic analysis includes major anions (bromide, chloride, fluoride, sulfate); major cations (calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium); nitrate plus nitrite (as N); TKN; ammonia; total phosphorus; total cyanide; TOC; TDS; alkalinity; specific conductance; pH; and hardness. TKN, TOC, and total cyanide are analyzed only in unfiltered samples.

<sup>e</sup> — = This analytical suite is not scheduled to be collected for this location.

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