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From: Cobrain, Dave, NMENV **Sent:** Tue 7/5/2005 9:24 AM
To: Whitacre, Thomas; Goering, Darlene, NMENV; Young, John, NMENV; Bearzi, James, NMENV
Cc: Johansen, Mathew; Ordaz, John C.; Gregory, David R.
Subject: RE: Drilling Variance Request for CY 05 Wells
Attachments:

Tom,

Based on our phone conversations last week and the email request sent by you on June 30, 2005 (included below), NMED understands that drilling is scheduled to begin in July 2005 at proposed well locations R-10/10a, Cdv-16-2(i) and R-24. NMED also understands that the letter requiring LANL to submit drilling work plans to NMED at least 30 days prior to the start of drilling activities was not received by LANL until June 28, 2005. NMED hereby approves of a variance for submittal of the Drilling Work Plans for drilling locations R-10/10a, Cdv-16-2(i) and R-24. The work plans must be submitted to NMED for each well prior to the start of drilling activities at each well location and as soon as practicable from the date of this approval. Please call me at 428-2553 if you have questions.

Dave Cobrain
NMED HWB

From: Whitacre, Thomas [mailto:twhitacre@doeal.gov]
Sent: Thu 6/30/2005 4:08 PM
To: Cobrain, Dave, NMENV
Cc: Johansen, Mathew; Ordaz, John C.; Whitacre, Thomas; Gregory, David R.
Subject: Drilling Variance Request for CY 05 Wells

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