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July 15, 2008

Honorable J. Michael Chavarria
Governor
Santa Clara Pueblo
P.O. Box 580
Española, NM 87532

**RE: DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT FOR LOS ALAMOS
NATIONAL LABORATORY**

Dear Governor Chavarria:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will be convening a meeting or series of meetings concerning the Draft Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazardous Waste Permit (Draft Permit), released for public comment on August 27, 2007. As a member of the public that requested a public hearing on the Draft Permit you, or your staff, are invited to attend and participate in these meetings.

The meetings are being held pursuant to 20.4.1.901.A(4) NMAC, which states that "[i]f the Secretary issues a Draft Permit, and a timely written notice of opposition to the Draft Permit and a request for a public hearing is received, the Department, acting in conjunction with the applicant, will respond to the request in an attempt to resolve the issues giving rise to the opposition. If such issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the opponent, the opponent may withdraw the request for a public hearing." Through negotiation with Los Alamos National Laboratory representatives and commenters, NMED hopes to resolve as many issues as possible that formed a basis for opposition to the Draft Permit prior to a public hearing, should opponents not withdraw their requests for a public hearing.

The meetings will be held on August 19 and 20, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Santa Fe, at the Hazardous Waste Bureau offices located at 2905 Rodeo Park Drive, East, Building 1. The initial meeting is expected to last the day and conclude at 5:00 p.m. There will be occasional breaks,

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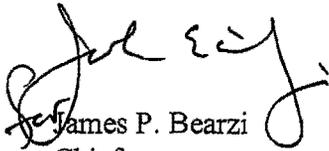
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including a break for lunch. I encourage you to review the Draft Permit and comments at our website prior to the meeting. The website address is:

[http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwb/lanlperm.html#LANL_Draft_Permit_\(8-27-2007\)](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwb/lanlperm.html#LANL_Draft_Permit_(8-27-2007))

Arrangements will be made for teleconferencing for those who cannot attend the meeting in person. Please contact John Kieling at (505) 476-6035 if you require this capability, or have any other questions.

Sincerely,



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