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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

February 10, 2012

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**RE: APPROVAL OF 2011 ASPHALT MONITORING AND REMOVAL REPORT  
AREA OF CONCERN C-00-041, GUAJE/BARRANCAS/RENDIJA CANYONS  
AGGREGATE AREA  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-11-092**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *2011 Biennial Asphalt Monitoring and Removal Report for Area of Concern C-00-041, Guaje/Barrancas/Rendija Canyons Aggregate Area* (Report), dated December, 2011, received December 14, 2011, and referenced by LA-UR-11-6915 and EP2011-0363.

NMED has reviewed the Report and finds it acceptable. In accordance with Section 4.0 of the Asphalt Monitoring and Removal Plan for Area of Concern C-00-041, Guaje/Barrancas/Rendija Canyons Aggregate Area, the next inspection must be completed in early fall of 2013 and a monitoring report must be submitted on or before **December 31, 2013**. In future Reports, the

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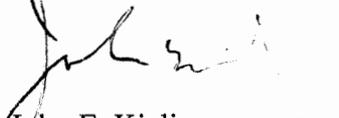


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Permittees should not include the Waste Characterization Strategy Form portion of Attachment A-1 since most of it does not pertain to Area of Concern C-00-041.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Daniel Comeau at (505) 476-6043.

Sincerely,



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