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**RE: REVIEW OF THE 2013 BIENNIAL ORDNANCE SURVEY REPORT
SWMU 00-011(A, D, AND E)
GUAJE/BARRANCAS/RENDIJA CANYONS AGGREGATE AREA
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-13-070**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Mousseau:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *2013 Biennial Ordnance Survey Report, Solid Waste Management Units 00-011(a, d, and e), Guaje/Barrancas/Rendija Canyons Aggregate Area*, dated December 20, 2013 and referenced by LA-UR-13-29479/EP2013-0301.

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A biennial ordnance survey, required by the December 20, 2007 Approval with Direction for Guaje/Barrancas/Rendija Canyons Aggregate Area investigation report, was conducted in 2013 at three of the original five sites. Two of the sites (solid waste management unit (SWMU) 00-011(c) and area of concern (AOC) C-00-020) were issued certificates of completion in May 2012 and visual surveys are no longer required. The survey resulted in discovery and removal of munitions debris found at all three sites; SWMUs 00-011(a, d, and e). No unexploded ordnance was found at the sites.

Due to the public safety concerns related to the continuing discovery of munitions debris, NMED cannot issue certificates of completion without controls for these sites as requested. The Permittees must continue conducting biennial surveys at SWMUs 00-011(a, d, and e) and remove any munitions and explosives of concern or munitions debris that may be exposed due to erosion or bioturbation. The report summarizing the next biennial survey is due no later than December 31, 2015.

Please contact Neelam Dhawan of my staff at (505) 476-6042 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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