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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN  
UPPER LOS ALAMOS CANYON AGGREGATE AREA  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID No: NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-06-012**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Regents of the University of California report entitled *Investigation Work Plan for Upper Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area* dated April 2006 (referenced by LA-UR-06-2464 and ER2006-0226).

After conducting the review, NMED deemed that the work plan was deficient, resulting in a Notice of Disapproval (NOD) issued on August 22, 2006. NMED received the Permittee's (DOE and Los Alamos National Security, LLC) response to the NOD (referenced by EP2006-0887) on October 6, 2006; some errors and discrepancies were noted in the response to NOD. A phone conference was held to resolve these discrepancies on October 26, 2006 and an Oral Communication Record (OCR) was prepared documenting the discrepancies and the subsequent corrective action. NMED hereby approves the work plan as modified by the NOD response with the corrections documented in the OCR.

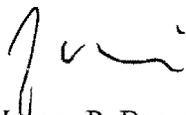


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If you have any questions, please contact Neelam Dhawan at (505) 428-2540.

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