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SUBJECT: Spill Response Assessment and Recommendation for Close-Out of a Back-up Waterline Sprinkler System Rupture and Release at TA-3 Building 29 LANL report # 179 on August 19, 2007.

Dear Mr. Powell:

On August 19, 2007, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) was notified of a potable waterline release of approximately 10,000 gallons to asphalt at TA-3, Building 29, located at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. The potable water entered two storm drains that daylight in upper Mortandad Canyon. The water appeared to flow over SWMU 03-054(a) but upon visual assessment by ENV-RCRA personnel no erosion of the SWMU was observed and the SWMU did not appear to be impacted. This spill was reported to the Emergency Spill Hotline as required by 20.6.2.1203 NMAC of the Water Quality Control Commission.

The DOE Oversight Bureau has reviewed the spill discharge notification report on August 23, 2007 and has found that the spill mitigation is sufficient to protect the environment of New Mexico. The Oversight Bureau believes the response and clean-up has been adequate and recommends that no further action is required at this time under this discharge notification. However, this letter does not relieve the United States Department of Energy or the Los Alamos National Security, LLC, of its obligation to comply with any other applicable laws and regulations.

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If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Erik Galloway of our Santa Fe office at (505) 476-6024.

Sincerely,



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