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RE: REVIEW OF THE PERIODIC MONITORING REPORT FOR WATER
CANYON/CAÑON DE VALLE WATERSHED
MARCH 31-APRIL 11, 2008
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-08-029

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

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) Periodic Monitoring Report for Water Canyon/Cañon de Valle Watershed, March 31 - April 11, 2008 (PMR), dated September 2008 and referenced by LA-UR-08-5848/EP2008-0505. NMED has reviewed the PMR and noted that the data presented are generally similar to data reported in previous PMRs for the watershed. The following errors were noted in the PMR.

- Table 2.0-1 indicates that Screens 1 and 2 of R-25 were not sampled and an explanation is provided in Table 3.4-1, but Table 3.4-1 only includes a discussion of R-25 Screen 5, not Screens 1 and 2.
According to Table 2.0-1, Regional well CdV-R-37-2, Screen 2 was dry, not Screen 1 as indicated in Table 3.4-1.

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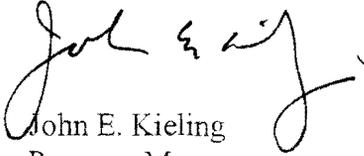


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- The detected concentration of RDX from the sample collected from Burning Ground Spring is 24.7 µg/L. not 24.9 µg/L as indicated in Table 4.2-2 (see Table on page D-3).

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

Sincerely,



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