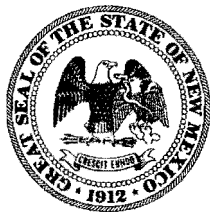


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**RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL
NEST BOX MONITORING PLAN FOR THE
UPPER PAJARITO CANYON WATERSHED
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-10-001**

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) *Nest Box Monitoring Plan for Upper Pajarito Canyon Watershed* (NBM Plan), dated December 2009 and referenced by LA-UR-09-8073/EP2009-0683. NMED hereby approves the NBM Plan.



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Please contact Daniel Comeau at (505) 476-6043, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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