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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATION  
DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR ALLUVIAL PIEZOMETERS IN SANDIA  
CANYON  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID#NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

Dear Messrs. Hintze and Brandt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Drilling Work Plan for Alluvial Piezometers in Sandia Canyon* (Plan) dated December 2015 and referenced by EP2015-0206. The Plan was received on December 15, 2015. NMED has reviewed the Plan and hereby issues this approval with the following modification.

As presented on page 2, last section the Plan, the Permittees propose to complete the installation of all piezometers by spring 2018. To clarify the Permittees' schedule, NMED requires that all piezometers be installed no later than **March 31, 2018**, with the understanding that unforeseen circumstances may occur that could alter this schedule requirement.



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Sincerely,



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