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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

April 26, 2016

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SUBJECT: Spill Response Assessment and Closure of Release ID# 2015-402 occurring near Technical Area (TA) 3, Building 2006, on March 19, 2015

Dear Ms. Pugh and Mr. McCann:

On March 19, 2015, representatives of Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) verbally reported an unauthorized discharge to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) as required under 20.6.2.1203 NMAC of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations. The report identified a discharge from a potable water line break, owned and maintained by Los Alamos County, near TA-3-2006 (Release ID# 2015-402). The incident resulted in a release of approximately 384,284 gallons of potable water beneath the sidewalk on the south side of Pajarito Road. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) reportedly stopped the release as soon as practicable and initiated repairs to the eroded areas at the southwest corner of TA-3-2006 impacted by the release. Los Alamos County reportedly completed repairs to the potable water line on March 19, 2015. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) reportedly retrieved transported sediments and stabilized the impacted areas at TA-3-2006 by the week of May 25, 2015.

Based on information in the Release/Discharge Notification submitted by LANS to GWQB on February 17, 2016, corrective actions for this unauthorized discharge have been completed in a manner that is satisfactory to the GWQB. No further actions are required at this time for release ID# 2015-402.

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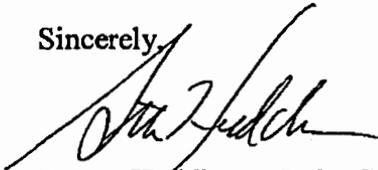
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However, because the information provided indicates that the potable water released was discharged to Area of Concern 03-003(k), you are encouraged to contact the NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau at (505) 827-2995, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas at (214) 665-3152, the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau at (505) 476-6000, and the NMED DOE Oversight Bureau at (505) 476-3031.

NMED reserves the right to require additional corrective actions should this incident result in the degradation of groundwater quality. Further, nothing in this letter shall be construed as relieving the United States Department of Energy or LANS of the obligation to comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, permits, or orders.

If you have any questions, please contact either Gerald Knutson at (505) 827-2996 or me at (505) 827-2936.

Sincerely,



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