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May 3, 2005

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RE: Response to Notice of Intent to Discharge for Los Alamos National Laboratory, Purge Water from Alluvial Monitoring Wells in Mortandad Canyon

Dear Mr. Rae:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a Notice of Intent on April 22, 2005 to discharge up to 50 gallons of purge water from 3 alluvial monitoring wells (MT-1, MT-2 and MT-3) in Mortandad Canyon. The notice satisfies the requirements of Section 20.6.2.1201.A of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations (20.6.2 NMAC).

Based on the information provided in your Notice of Intent (NOI), NMED has determined that a Discharge Permit is not required for this single sampling event as long as the discharge is as described. A Discharge Permit is not required because the information you provided indicated it is unlikely that the proposed discharge will adversely impact ground water.

The discharge is briefly described as follows: A one-time discharge of a maximum of 50 gallons from purging of ground water from alluvial monitoring wells MT-1, MT-2, and MT-3 will be discharged to the land surface in the vicinity of the purged well.

Although a Discharge Permit is not being required for this discharge at this time, you are not relieved of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters. Further, this decision by NMED does not relieve you of your responsibility to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, such as zoning requirements, plumbing codes and nuisance ordinances.



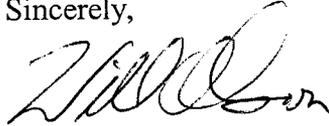
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If at some time in the future you intend to change the amount, character or location of your discharge, or if observation or monitoring shows that the discharge is not as described in your Notice of Intent, you must file a revised NOI with the Ground Water Quality Bureau.

If you have any questions, please contact either Chris Vick at 505-827-0078 or George Schuman, Program Manager of the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section, at 505-827-2900.

Sincerely,



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