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September 23, 2005

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RE: APPROVAL
SANDIA CANYON AND CAÑADA DEL BUEY WORK PLAN
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-99-031

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the *Response to the Notice of Disapproval (NOD) for the Work Plan for Sandia Canyon and Cañada del Buey*, dated July 29, 2005 and referenced by LA-UR-05-5776/ER2005-0537. NMED has reviewed this document and is hereby approving this document and the *Work Plan for Sandia Canyon and Cañada del Buey*, dated September 1999 and referenced by LA-UR-99-3610. The Permittees must document in the Investigation Report for Sandia Canyon and the Investigation Report for Cañada del Buey all activities conducted pursuant to this approval.

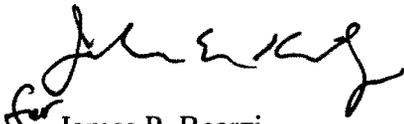


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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Darlene Goering at (505) 428-2542.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James P. Bearzi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small "for" written to the left of the main signature.

James P. Bearzi
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