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RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT (SWMU) ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR
SWMU 03-013(i)
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-05-017

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the *Solid Waste Management Report (SWMU) Assessment Report for SWMU 03-013(i)* (Report), referenced by LA-UR-05-7420/ER2005-0705 and dated October 2005. NMED has reviewed this document and hereby issues this approval with modifications. The Department of Energy and the University of California (collectively, "the Permittees") must address the following comment within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If the Permittees fail to provide the requested information, the approval for this document will be automatically be rescinded.

The Permittees state that the likely receptor at the site is the site worker and used the industrial worker scenario in the human health risk assessment. NMED believes another likely receptor at the site would include the construction worker. As stated in NMED's "Technical Background Document for Development of Soil Screening Levels," screening levels developed for the industrial worker may not be protective of a construction worker due to the latter's increased soil



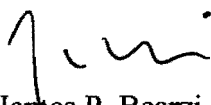
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contact rate during construction activities. The Permittees must revise its human health risk assessment to include the construction worker scenario. In addition, NMED concurs with the Permittees' proposal to include the additional sampling to determine the extent of contamination at this SWMU as part of the Upper Sandia Canyon Aggregate Area investigation.

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

Sincerely,



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