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**RE: APPROVAL
DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION
WELL CrEX-3
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 Groundwater Extraction Well CrEX-3* (Plan) dated November 2015, referenced by EP2015-0194, and received on November 12, 2015.

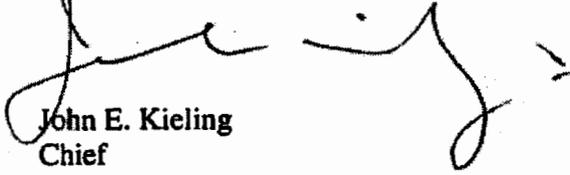
NMED has reviewed the Plan and hereby issues this approval. Based on the Permittees' proposed completion date for CrEX-3 of **April 30, 2016**, the Permittees must submit to NMED the summary fact sheet no later than **May 30, 2016**, and the well completion report no later than **September 27, 2016**.



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Please contact Michael Dale at (505) 476-3078 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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