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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 13, 2016

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SUBJECT: Spill Response Assessment and Closure of Release ID #2016-421 occurring at Technical Area (TA) 5, Well 28, on March 14, 2016

Dear Ms. Pugh and Mr. McCann:

On March 15, 2016, 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 cracked fuel filter on a rented refrigerated trailer (Release ID# 2016-421). The incident resulted in a release of approximately 15 to 20 gallons of diesel onto the underlying basecourse road west of Monitoring Well 28. The release was contained on the basecourse road. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) reportedly controlled the release by applying an absorbent pad to the fuel filter upon discovery and removing the leaking fuel filter. Removal of the impacted soil was completed on March 22, 2016.

Based on information submitted by LANS, corrective action for this unauthorized discharge has been completed in a manner that is satisfactory to the GWQB. No further action is required at this time for release ID# 2016-421.

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

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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,

 for S. H.

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