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**RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL
PAJARITO CANYON INVESTIGATION REPORT, REVISION 1
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-08-035**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Pajarito Canyon Investigation Report, Revision 1* (PCIR Rev. 1) on August 31, 2009. The document is referenced by LA-UR-09-4670 and EP2009-0334.

NMED has completed review of the PCIR Rev. 1 and the Permittees' response to the November 21, 2008 Notice of Disapproval (NOD). NMED hereby approves the PCIR Rev. 1. However, NMED does not agree that groundwater in the intermediate and regional aquifers has been adequately characterized. Further investigation of intermediate and regional groundwater in the Pajarito Canyon watershed is necessary before the investigation can be considered to be complete in Pajarito Canyon. Direction for additional groundwater investigation will be addressed in separate correspondence pertinent to Technical Area 54.

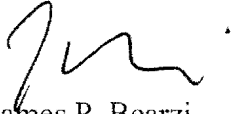
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