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**RE: APPROVAL OF DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR INTERMEDIATE AQUIFER
WELL PCI-2, REVISION 1
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Drilling Work Plan for Intermediate Aquifer Well PCI-2, Revision 1* (hereafter, the Request) dated March 20, 2009 and referenced by EP2009-0172.

NMED has reviewed the Request and hereby issues this Approval. The Permittees must minimize the impact of drilling fluids and bentonite on the screened interval of the well and develop the well following the procedures and timelines specified in Sections IV.A.3.e.iv and X.C.5 of the Consent Order. As a reminder, the Permittees must obtain NMED's approval of a monitoring well design plan prior to construction of the well. The well must be completed by May 29, 2009, as set in NMED's letter dated July 15, 2008.

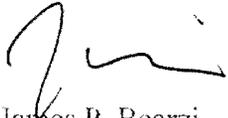
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Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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