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**RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL
DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR WELL R-25c
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-GROUNDWATER-MISC**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

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 Well R-25c* (hereafter, the Plan) dated February 2008 and referenced by LA-UR-08-0337. NMED has reviewed the Plan and hereby issues this Notice of Approval.

As documented in the well evaluation report for Technical Area (TA)-16, R-25c is a critical well to support the corrective measures evaluation for cleanup of contaminated intermediate groundwater beneath TA-16. Selection of remedies for the intermediate groundwater at TA-16, in part, depends on the availability of reliable groundwater monitoring data collected from this well. The Permittees acknowledge the importance of this well, and therefore propose to drill this well starting on April 1, 2008 and complete it within 51 days. NMED welcomes the Permittees' commitment and requires the Permittees to complete installation of R-25c no later than May 31, 2008.

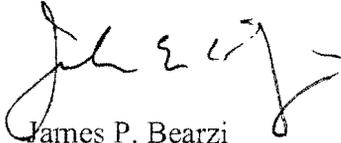
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Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Hai Shen of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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