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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST TO SUBMIT SEMIANNUAL
PROGRESS REPORTS FOR THE
260 OUTFALL AT CONSOLIDATED UNIT 16-021(c)-99
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-07-011**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request to Submit Semiannual Progress Reports for the 260 Outfall at Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99* (Progress Reports) dated November 4, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0362.

The Permittees request a reduction in the frequency of submittal of Progress Reports from a monthly to a semiannual basis. The semiannual reporting will coincide with the approximate end of the winter snowmelt and summer monsoon seasons. Due to the recent damage and erosion that resulted from flooding in Cañon de Valle, the existing permeable reactive barrier (PRB) is not in service and monitoring of the PRB, when it resumes operation, and surface water and groundwater must be modified in response to the altered conditions in the canyon. The Permittees must re-evaluate the current

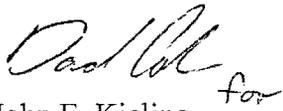


remediation systems located in Cañon de Valle to determine the actions necessary to monitor and remediate contamination present in surface water and groundwater based on the current conditions.

NMED hereby approves the reduction in frequency of submittal of the Progress Reports. The submittal date for the Progress Reports may be reduced from monthly to semiannual reporting. The semiannual Progress Reports are due no later than April 30 and October 31 of each year beginning in 2012. The Permittees must notify NMED, within 30 days should actions be planned or information becomes available in the future that indicates the need for more frequent reporting.

Please contact Dave Cobrain at (505) 476-6055 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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