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**RE: APPROVAL
DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR PERCHED-INTERMEDIATE WELL R-26i
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-GW-MISC**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore 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 *Drilling Work Plan for Perched-Intermediate Well R-26i* (Plan) dated July 26, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0174.

NMED has reviewed the Plan and hereby issues this approval.

As proposed in the Plan, the Permittees must complete the installation of well R-26i no later than **October 31, 2013** and submit a well completion report to NMED no later than **March 30, 2014**.

Well R-26i will monitor a perched-intermediate zone with known contamination by volatile organic compounds and heavy metals. In order to properly characterize that zone, the Permittees must make every effort to install the well as soon as funding and technical resources become available.

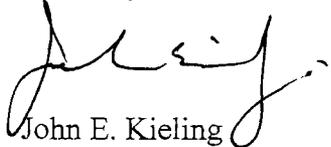
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Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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