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September 6, 2005

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RE: LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY CLOSURE CERTIFICATION REPORT, TECHNICAL AREA 16, TA-16-401 AND TA-16-406 SAND FILTERS, INTERIM STATUS CONTAINER STORAGE UNIT, REVISION 0.0, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-03-004

Dear Messrs. Kuckuck and Wilmot:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received and reviewed the U. S. Department of Energy and the University of California (Permittees) *Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL's) Technical Area 16 Closure Certification Report, TA-16-401 and -406 Sand Filters, Revision 0.0*, LA-UR-05-3911 submitted under cover dated May 26, 2005. The Closure Certification was signed by Kenneth M. Hargis (Division Director, Environment Stewardship Division, Los Alamos National Laboratory), Edwin L. Wilmot (Manager, Los Alamos Site Office, National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. Department of Energy), and Darren W. Meadows, P.E. (New Mexico Registered Professional Engineer).

Ms. Lee Winn of my staff conducted two closure verification inspections at technical area 16. The first was for TA-16-401 sand filter conducted on June 14, 2004, and, the second for TA-16-406 sand filter conducted on August 29, 2005.

Based on our review of the Permittees closure report, closure verification, and the results of our closure verification inspections, NMED has determined that LANL has closed its technical area



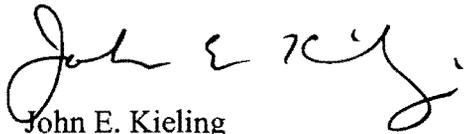
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16, interim status TA-16-401 and TA-16-406 sand filters appropriately. NMED hereby approves the Permittees' clean closure of the technical area 16, TA-16-401 and TA-16-406 sand filters.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Lee Winn of my staff at (505) 428-2541.

Sincerely,



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