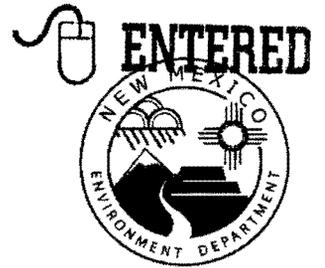


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**RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS
LOWER PAJARITO CANYON AGGREGATE AREA
INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-10-052**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Investigation Work Plan for Lower Pajarito Canyon Aggregate Area, Revision 1 (Plan)*, dated November 2010 and referenced by LA-UR-10-7635/EP2010-0522. NMED has reviewed the Plan and hereby issues this Notice of Approval (NOA) With Modifications.

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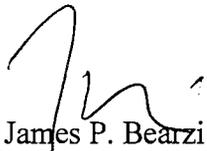


Modifications:

1. The Permittees have indicated that sampling at or below drain lines located near buildings at various Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern (SWMUs and AOCs) may need to be delayed because of access problems. As proposed, the delays would extend to some point in the future until the associated buildings are decontaminated and decommissioned. The Permittees must include a table (or other suitable format) in the Lower Pajarito Canyon Aggregate Area Investigation Report (IR) that identifies the affected drain lines, buildings, and associated SWMUs and AOCs which are subject to delay.
2. NMED approves the proposed IR submittal date of **July 31, 2012**.

Please contact Daniel Comeau at (505) 476-6043, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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