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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

October 29, 2015

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**SUBJECT: Spill Response Assessment and Closure of Release ID# 2015-411 occurring at Technical Area (TA) 18 Lift Station on September 26, 2015**

Dear Mr. Turner and Ms. Dorries:

On September 28, 2015, representatives of Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) verbally reported an unauthorized discharge to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) as required under 20.6.2.1203 NMAC of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations. The report identified a discharge from a broken force main on the sanitary wastewater line upgradient of the TA-18 lift station (Release ID# 2015-411). The incident resulted in a release of approximately 2,000 gallons of sanitary wastewater to the surrounding area and into Pajarito Canyon. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) reportedly stopped the release as soon as practicable, removed pooled wastewater from the impacted area (approximately 200 gallons), and disinfected the impacted area with a 10% bleach and potable water solution. Repairs to the broken force main were completed September 28, 2015.

**Based on information submitted by LANS, corrective actions for this unauthorized discharge have been completed in a manner that is satisfactory to the GWQB. No further action is required at this time for release ID# 2015-411.**

NMED reserves the right to require additional corrective actions should this incident result in the degradation of ground water quality. Further, nothing in this letter shall be construed as



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relieving the United States Department of Energy or LANS of the obligation to comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, permits, or orders.

If you have any questions, please contact either Gerald Knutson at (505) 827-2996 or me at (505) 827-2936.

Sincerely,



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