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RE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AREA OF CONTAMINATION FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIATION OF CONSOLIDATED UNIT 21-018(a)-99, MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA V, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, EPA ID #NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-04-009

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the *Request for Approval of an Area of Contamination for the Investigation and Remediation of Consolidated Unit 21-018(a)-99, Material Disposal Area V*, referenced by ER2005-0655 and dated September 8, 2005. NMED has reviewed this document and hereby approves the Area of Contamination designation request.

The Permittees may not utilize the Area of Contamination concept for returning media to its point of origin (as stated by the Permittees in their request letter). The Area of Contamination may be used solely for facilitating the staging and segregation of remediation wastes on-site. NMED reminds the Permittees that supplemental sampling may be required for staging areas located outside of the original SWMU boundary and not included in the waste management portion of the work plan. Additionally, if the Permittees can demonstrate that no releases occurred and/or areas



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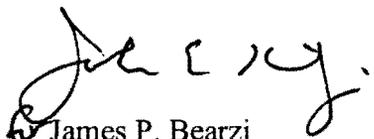
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within the AOC were not utilized, (e.g. a map showing the staging areas within the AOC boundary) additional sampling may not be required in those areas.

Finally, NMED is aware that the Permittees are encountering greater volumes of debris than originally anticipated and described in the work plan. However, NMED reminds the Permittees that in the future, delineation of an AOC must be reviewed and approved by NMED prior to implementation of the work plan.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Chamberlain at (505) 428-2546.

Sincerely,



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