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February 27, 2006

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**RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO BOREHOLE LOCATIONS AT SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT UNIT 21-014 (MDA A)
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-05-002**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the *Request for Changes to Borehole Locations at Solid Waste Management Unit 21-014*, dated February 17, 2005 and referenced by ER2006-0122. The University of California and the Department of Energy (collectively, the Permittees) state that the requested changes in locations are due to safety issues (namely, steep slopes and proximity to utility lines) and that additional changes may be proposed subsequent to the geophysical testing. The Permittees have also requested changes to the drilling approach. NMED hereby approves the requested changes and require the Permittees to document these changes in the MDA A Investigation Report.

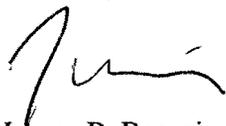


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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Darlene Goering of my staff at (505) 428-2542.

Sincerely,



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