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April 10, 2006

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RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO HIGH EXPLOSIVES FIELD SCREENING
REQUIREMENTS: "APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS INVESTIGATION
WORK PLAN FOR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA A AT TA-21"
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 Change to High Explosives Field Screening Requirements: "Approval with Modifications Investigation Work Plan for Material Disposal Area A at Technical Area 21, (Work Plan) dated March 21, 2006 and referenced by ER2006-0250.* The University of California and the Department of Energy (collectively, the "Permittees") are requesting a deviation from the Work Plan that was approved July 26, 2005. In their request, the Permittees state that the D-Tech immunoassay test kits that were to be used for field screening high explosives are currently not available from the manufacturer. The Permittees requested substituting a laboratory test method that meets the U.S. EPA SW-846 laboratory test method 8330. The Permittees informed NMED via telephone (April 5, 2006) that the samples would be analyzed using a quick turnaround time from the laboratory.



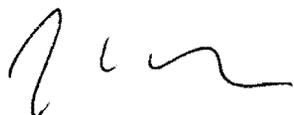
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NMED approves the use of an off-site analytical laboratory instead of the field text kits for testing of high explosives. However, NMED requires the Permittees to use the U.S. EPA SW-846 laboratory test method 8330 for all of the high explosives samples. The Permittees will also collect and analyze QA/QC samples as described in Section IX.C.1.c of the March 1, 2005 Order on Consent.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Darlene Goering of my staff at (505) 428-2542.

Sincerely,



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