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SUBJECT: Spill Response Assessment and Suggestion for Close-Out of Potable Water Release at TA-21, Building 209, LANL report #183 on October 30, 2007.

Dear Mr. Powell:

On November 8, 2007, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) was notified of a potable water release at TA-21, Building 209, located at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. This spill was reported to the Emergency Spill Hotline as required by 20.6.2.1203 NMAC of the Water Quality Control Commission. The amount of the discharge was approximately 5,000 gallons with approximately 200 gallons of potable water flowing onto Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 21-024(j). Upon discovery Laboratory subcontractor personnel placed an earthen berm to divert water away from the SWMU. The waterline was fixed and subcontractor personnel repaired tall erosion impacts. The DOE Oversight Bureau has reviewed the spill discharge notification report on November 8, 2007 and has found that the inspection and follow-up repair program is sufficient to protect the environment of New Mexico. The Oversight Bureau believes the response and clean-up has been adequate and recommends that no further action is required at this time under this discharge notification. However, this letter does not relieve the United States Department of Energy or the Los Alamos National Security, LLC, of its obligation to comply with any other applicable laws and regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Erik Galloway of our Santa Fe office at (505) 476-6024.

Sincerely,

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