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**RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL FOR DEVIATIONS FROM THE APPROVED
INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN FOR THE S-SITE AGGREGATE AREA
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-07-029**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

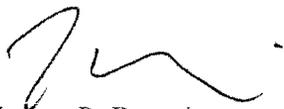
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Request for Deviations from the Approval for the Investigation Work Plan for the S-Site Aggregate Area*, dated November 30, 2009 and referenced by EP2009-0632. NMED has reviewed the document and hereby issues this Notice of Approval.



In the approved Investigation Work Plan (IWP) for the S-Site Aggregate Area, the Permittees proposed to collect samples from solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs) located within V-Site Subaggregate. The Permittees have recently discovered that some of the proposed sampling locations fall within the historically preserved and protected area. To avoid disturbing a historically preserved site, the Permittees have proposed to move these sampling locations to the periphery of the site to define the nature and extent of contamination. NMED concurs with the proposed changes to the sampling locations. However, the Permittees must note that relocation of the proposed samples may result in incomplete characterization for some of these sites and NMED may require further investigations in the future.

Please contact Neelam Dhawan of my staff at (505) 476-6042 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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