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**RE: APPROVAL
WORK PLAN FOR HYDROLOGIC TESTING OF
REGIONAL AQUIFER WELL R-66
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-11-071**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Work Plan for Hydrologic Testing of R-66* (Plan) dated September, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0277. NMED has reviewed the Permittees' Plan, and hereby issues this approval.

As stated in the Plan, the Permittees must submit a report to NMED that presents the results and findings from hydrologic testing at R-66 no later than **February 29, 2012**.

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Should you have any questions or comments regarding this approval, please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673 or Jerzy Kulis at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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