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October 11, 2011

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**RE: REVIEW OF THE PERIODIC MONITORING REPORT
MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA V, THIRD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2011
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID No: NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-11-077**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (collectively, the Permittees) *Periodic Monitoring Report for Vapor-Sampling Activities at Material Disposal Area V, Consolidated Unit 21-018(a)-99, at Technical Area 21, Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2011*, (Report) dated October 2011 and referenced by LA-UR-11-5338/EP2011-0287.

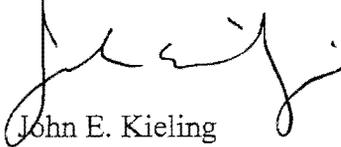
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Sampling results from the Report indicate that tritium continues to be detected in pore gas samples from MDA V. The Permittees must continue to collect quarterly subsurface vapor samples from the two existing boreholes until otherwise directed by NMED. Please contact Ben Wear of my staff at (505) 476-6041 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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