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SUBJECT: Spill Response Assessment and Suggestion for Close-Out of Potable Water Release
at TA-33 Building 114, LANL report # 181 on October 9, 2007.

Dear Mr. Powell:

On October 9, 2007, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) was notified of a potable water release from an 8-inch waterline located just north of TA-33, Building 114, 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 1,700 gallons with subsequent inspection and repair of the 8-inch potable water line has been performed. Some of the potable water did flow on or near SWMU 33-004(a)-00, but there was no erosion to the SWMU due to the limited amount of flow that reached this area.

The DOE Oversight Bureau has reviewed the spill discharge notification report on October 9, 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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