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**RE: APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO REVISE THE ORDER OF
REHABILITATION OF THREE WELLS
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Department of Energy and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (collectively the Permittees) letter entitled *Request to Revise Order of Rehabilitation of Three Wells* dated November 19, 2007 and referenced by EP2007-0728. NMED approves the proposed changes outlined for the well rehabilitation schedule with the following conditions:

1. The NMED agrees that rehabilitation of regional groundwater monitoring well R-22 should be postponed until the two regional groundwater monitoring wells R-39 and R-41 are installed. NMED is hopeful that information collected during drilling and sampling of the new wells will provide additional information and guide which hydrostratigraphic units need to be monitored. Additional time will also allow the Permittees to develop a strategy to minimize cross-contamination during R-22 rehabilitation. Until otherwise instructed, the Permittees must continue to sample all screens at R-22.

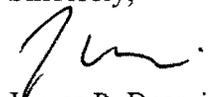
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2. Reporting on the assessment of rehabilitation efforts and any analytical results of samples obtained during the rehabilitation activities must be submitted to NMED within 30 days of completion of rehabilitation activities (i.e., the day the last groundwater sample was collected).
3. The Permittees must deepen and construct a single screen in the uppermost producing zone of the regional aquifer monitoring well at CdV-16-3(i) well location by July 30, 2008.

Additional well rehabilitation requirements may be added as they are identified in approvals of the various well evaluation reports and/or other correspondence. Should you have any questions please contact John Young of my staff at (505) 476-6038.

Sincerely,



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