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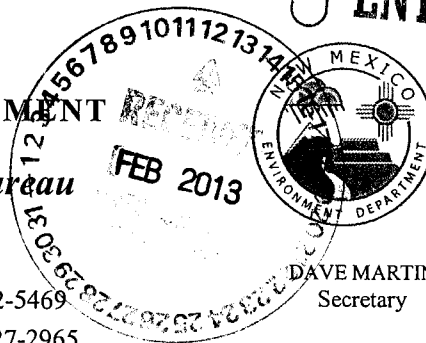


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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 8, 2013

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SUBJECT: Spill Response Assessment and Closure of Release ID# 2012-343 occurring at Technical Area (TA) 35-124 on November 27, 2012.

Dear Mr. Turner and Ms. Dorries:

On November 28, 2012, representatives of Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) verbally reported an unauthorized discharge to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) as required under 20.6.2.1203 NMAC of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations. The report identified a mechanical failure on a potable water line valve serving supply tanks for the TA-35-124 cooling towers (Release ID# 2012-343). The incident resulted in a release of approximately 54,000 gallons of potable water to the surrounding area as well as to a storm drain that discharges to Ten-Site Canyon. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) reportedly shut the line down upon discovery and a temporary valve fix was completed.

Based on information submitted by LANS, corrective action for this unauthorized discharge has been completed in a manner that is satisfactory to the GWQB. No further action is required at this time for release ID#2012-343.

NMED reserves the right to require additional corrective actions not already being required should this incident result in the degradation of ground water quality. Further, nothing in this letter shall be construed as relieving the United States Department of Energy or LANS of the obligation to comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, permits or orders.




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If you have any questions, please contact either Jennifer Fullam at (505) 827-2909 or me at (505) 827-0062.

Sincerely,



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