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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

July 10, 2015

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**SUBJECT: Spill Response Assessment and Closure of Release ID# 2015-406 occurring at Technical Area (TA) 43-01, on June 30, 2015**

Dear Mr. Turner and Ms. Dorries:

On June 30, 2015, 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 discharge from a sanitary wastewater line rupture at TA-43 southeast of Building 01 (Release ID# 2015-406). The incident resulted in a release of approximately 50 to 75 gallons of sanitary wastewater to the surrounding asphalt and to a storm drain. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) reportedly isolated the sanitary wastewater by turning off the lift station prior to the rupture and disinfected the spill area to the storm drain with a 10% bleach solution. Repairs to the sanitary wastewater line were completed July 1, 2015.

**Based on information submitted by LANS, corrective actions for this unauthorized discharge have been completed in a manner that is satisfactory to the GWQB. No further action is required at this time for release ID# 2015-406.**

NMED reserves the right to require additional corrective actions 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 Gerald Knutson at (505) 827-2996 or me at (505) 827-2936.

Sincerely,



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