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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 24, 2015

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SUBJECT: Spill Response Assessment and Closure of Release ID# 2014-388 occurring at Technical Area (TA) 46-SWWS, reported to NMED on July 18, 2014

Dear Mr. Turner and Ms. Dorries:

On July 18, 2014, 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 stormwater discharges from the access road between the TA-46 Sanitary Wastewater System (SWWS) sludge drying beds to a drain that captures stormwater from the access road and a paved area (Release ID# 2014-388). The incident resulted in a release of an unknown amount of stormwater to Canada del Buey. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) reportedly placed gravel bags at the east end of the sludge drying beds to divert stormwater runoff to the drying beds as an interim measure. LANL later installed a permanent trench drain to capture storm water runoff from the access road.

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# 2014-388.

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



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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.

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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