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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 13, 2008

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**SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION TO DESTROY UNSTABLE
HAZARDOUS WASTE
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID# NM080010515**

Dear Mr. Tymkowych:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) hereby authorizes Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to destroy unstable hazardous waste found during a routine walk down in TA-53, Bldg.1 that LANL has determined poses an imminent and substantial health and safety risk. The waste covered by this authorization consists of the following:

- One 250ml amber bottle containing lead azide, sodium azide and polyphenols with visible crystallization inside the container.
- One 1 liter brown/amber bottle (mixing container) with unknown contents and visible crystallization inside the container.
- One quart mason jar containing bisphenol a diglycidyl ether with visible crystallization inside the container.

LANL's HAZ-MAT emergency response team is authorized to transport the material from TA-53 Bldg. 1 to TA-49 for detonation and destruction in accordance with 20.4.1.900, incorporating 40



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CFR 270.1(c)(3), under an emergency permit issued by NMED in accordance with 20.4.1.900 NMAC incorporating 40 CFR 270.61. While operating under this authorization, LANL must take all necessary safety precautions and comply with all applicable parts of 40 CFR 264 C and D in accordance with 20.4.1.500 NMAC incorporating 40 CFR (g)(8)(ii). This authorization is valid only through 5:00pm February 14, 2008.

LANL must submit a report to NMED detailing the authorized activities within seven days after the emergency activity. In addition, LANL, must also properly dispose of any hazardous residues that remain after the destruction of the waste.

Sincerely,



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