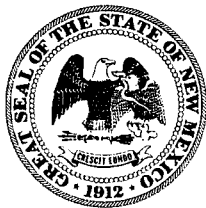


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RE: APPROVAL OF THE INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIATION REPORT FOR CONSOLIDATED SWMU 53-002(a)-99, INACTIVE WASTEWATER IMPOUNDMENTS, AND AOC 53-008, STORAGE AREA, AT TECHNICAL AREA 53, REVISION 1 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL), EPA ID #NM0890010515, HWB-LANL-04-002

Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC's (collectively, the "Permittees") *Response to the Notice of Disapproval (NOD) for the Investigation and Remediation Report for Consolidated SWMU 53-002(a)-99, Inactive Wastewater Impoundments, and AOC 53-008, Storage Area, at Technical Area 53*, dated July 7, 2005 and the *Investigation and Remediation Report for Consolidated Unit 53-002-(a)-99, Inactive Wastewater Impoundments and AOC 53-008, Storage Area, at Technical Area 53, Revision 1*, dated September 7, 2005 and referenced by LA-UR-05-4885/ER2005-0409 and LA-UR-05-6373/ER2005-0540, respectively. NMED has reviewed these documents and hereby issues this Approval for the aforementioned Response to the Notice of Disapproval (NOD) and the Revised Investigation and Remediation Report.

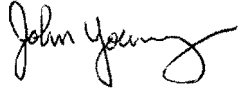


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