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**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT UNITS 53-002(a) AND 53-002(b), TECHNICAL AREA 53
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID # NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-04-002**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the *Request for Certificates of Completion for Solid Waste Management Units 53-002(a) and 53-002(b)*, dated August 15, 2006 and referenced by EP2006-0744.

Solid waste management unit (SWMU) 53-002(a) consists of two surface impoundments and SWMU 53-002(b) consists of one surface impoundment. Together, these two SWMUs comprise Consolidated Unit 53-002(a)-99. NMED has determined that the requirements of the March 1, 2005 Consent Order (Order) have been satisfied for these sites. NMED hereby issues a "Corrective Action Complete with Controls" certificate of completion for SWMUs 53-002(a) and 53-002(b) pursuant to Section VII.E.6.b of the Order. The control, as stated in the Permittees' approved TA-53 Investigation/Remediation Report, is that the land use remain industrial.



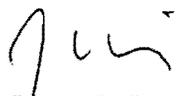
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The Permittees may now initiate a "Class 3 Permit Modification for Corrective Action Complete" pursuant to the terms of the Permit and Section III.W.3.b of the Order. If the Class 3 Permit Modification for Corrective Action Complete is granted, SWMUs 53-002(a) and 53-002(b) will be removed from the list of SWMUs requiring corrective action and placed on the "Corrective Action Complete with Controls" list. In accordance with Section III.W.3b, the controls will then be enforceable under the Permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Chamberlain of my staff at (505) 428-2546.

Sincerely,



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