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January 26, 2009

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**RE: DEMAND FOR PAYMENT
STIPULATED PENALTY FOR THE CORRECTIVE MEASURES EVALUATION
REPORT FOR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA G, CONSOLIDATED UNIT 54-
013(b)-99, AT TECHNICAL AREA 54
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY,
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-08-025**

Dear Messrs. Winchell and Watkins:

This letter constitutes written notice of the New Mexico Environment Department's (the Department) demand for payment of stipulated penalties pursuant to Section III.G of the March 1, 2005 Order on Consent (Order). This notice is for the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (the Respondents) failure to substantially comply with the requirements set forth in the Order for the Corrective Measures Evaluation (CME) Report for MDA G because the subject report does not include adequate groundwater data and does not evaluate all alternatives considered by the Respondents in accordance with the approved CME Plan and Section VII.D of the Order. These deficiencies were outlined in the Department's September 26, 2008, written notice of its intent to assess stipulated penalties.

In accordance with Section III.G.3 of the Order, the Respondents shall pay \$1,000 per day for the first thirty (30) days of noncompliance, and \$3,000 per day thereafter. This demand for payment is for the first 117 days of noncompliance (September 13, 2008 through January 7, 2009). Therefore,



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in accordance with Section III.G.5, \$291,000.00 is due to the Department within 45 days of the date of this letter.

The Respondents must follow the procedures for payment outlined in Section III.G.5 of the Order. In accordance with Section III.G.6 of the Order, interest shall accrue at the rate specified in 28 U.S.C. § 1961. Interest shall accrue from the date the penalty is due until the date it is actually paid.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 476-6016.

Sincerely,



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