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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATION  
DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR WELL R-55i  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Drilling Work Plan for Well R-55i* (Plan) dated August 13, 2010 and referenced by EP2010-0351.

NMED has reviewed the Plan and hereby issues this Approval with the following modification.

Based on the discussion between NMED and the Permittees after the Plan had been submitted, the Permittees proposed for the well to be completed by **January 31, 2011** rather than September 30, 2011 as proposed in the Plan. NMED concurs.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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