



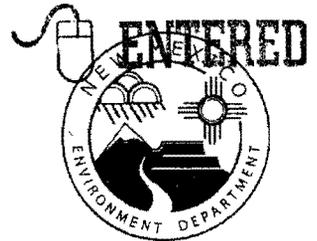
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November 14, 2011

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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE
ANNUAL VAPOR SAMPLING AT
MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA G
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-11-003**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Request to Discontinue Annual Vapor Sampling at Material Disposal Area G* (Request), dated November 1, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0358.

The Permittees state that the data collected to date are sufficient to support the remedy selection process for Material Disposal Area (MDA) G. NMED is currently reviewing the MDA G Corrective Measures Evaluation Revision 3 Report. The Permittees' stated cause for the request is acceptable. NMED hereby grants the request to discontinue annual vapor sampling at MDA G. NMED will select a remedy based on the data provided to date.

In the Request, the Permittees propose to sample the current approved sampling ports at MDA G on a biannual basis. In accordance with Governor Martinez' policy to prioritize groundwater and surface water protection, NMED directs the Permittees to discontinue all vapor sampling at MDA G and to divert those resources earmarked for biannual vapor sampling at MDA G to the evaluation of corrective measures at MDA C due to the higher potential impacts to groundwater



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from vapor-phase contamination at MDA C. NMED will address further vapor monitoring activities at MDA G at the implementation phase for the selected remedy.

Please contact Dave Cobrain at (505) 476-6055 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John E. Kieling".

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