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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 7, 2013

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RE: WITHDRAWAL OF CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL AREA (TA) 54, BUILDING 38, WEST, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID# NM 0890010515 LANL-12-075

Dear Messrs. Griego and Brandt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) (collectively the Permittees) letter dated February 5, 2013 withdrawing the Class 2 Permit Modification Request (PMR) for Technical Area (TA) 54, Building 38 West.

NMED received the PMR on January 11, 2013. During its review of the PMR, NMED discovered that the submittal was incomplete and requested a meeting with the Permittees to discuss the deficiencies. During a meeting on January 24, 2013, NMED gave the Permittees several examples of deficiencies in the PMR and recommended that the Permittees withdraw the PMR and resubmit a complete permit modification request. The Permittees' withdrawal letter indicates that they intend "to develop and deliver a document that will be as close as possible to the needs that NMED-HWB staff communicated to process the permit modification request." The Permittees must comply with all applicable requirements listed in 40 CFR §270.42(b) when submitting the revised PMR.



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NMED recommends that the Permittees conduct a stakeholder pre-submittal meeting and provide a draft PMR to interested stakeholders and NMED prior to resubmitting this Class 2 PMR and also before formal submittal of future permit modification requests. The pre-submittal process will likely resolve many issues with PMRs the Permittees may submit in the future prior to the formal submittal of permit modification requests, which should expedite the permit modification process.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely, John E. Kieling Chief

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