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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 26, 2011

Anthony R. Grieggs, Group Leader
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RE: Response to Notice of Intent to Discharge; Discharge Permit Not Required for Dechlorinated Potable Water Discharge from Fire Protection System at Technical Area 55, Buildings 400 and 440, AI:856 (PRD20110002)

Dear Mr. Grieggs:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a Notice of Intent on July 18, 2011 for the one time discharge of approximately 10,000 gallons of dechlorinated potable water. The discharge is being conducted as required under the National Fire Protection Associations Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems 2008 Edition. The notice satisfies the requirements of Subsection A of 20.6.2.1201 NMAC of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations (20.6.2 NMAC). The proposed discharge is located in Technical Area 55 buildings 400 and 440 at 35° 51' 38.58"N 106° 18'08.35"W, approximately 1.5 miles south of Los Alamos in Section 21, Township 19N, Range 06E, Los Alamos County.

Based on the information provided in your Notice of Intent, NMED has determined that a Discharge Permit is not required as long as the discharge is as described. A Discharge Permit is not required at this time because the information provided indicates it is unlikely that the discharge will adversely affect ground water quality.

Although a Discharge Permit is not being required for this discharge at this time, you are not relieved of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters. Further, this decision by NMED does not relieve you of your responsibility to comply with any

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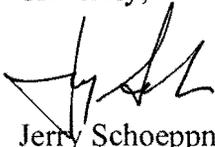
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other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, such as zoning requirements, plumbing codes and nuisance ordinances.

If at some time in the future you intend to change the amount, character or location of your discharge, or if observation or monitoring shows that the discharge is not as described in your Notice of Intent, you must file a revised Notice of Intent with the Ground Water Quality Bureau.

If you have any questions, please contact either Jennifer Fullam at (505) 827-2909 or Clint Marshall, Acting Program Manager of the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section, at (505) 827-0027.

Sincerely,



Jerry Schoeppner, Acting Chief
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