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January 3, 2006

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**RE: APPROVAL OF CLOSURE CERTIFICATION REPORT, TECHNICAL AREA
55, BUILDING 4, B38, INTERIM STATUS CONTAINER STORAGE UNIT,
REVISION 0.0
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-02-025**

Dear Messrs. Kuckuck and Wilmot:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received and reviewed the U. S. Department of Energy and the University of California (Permittees) *Los Alamos National Laboratory Closure Certification Report, Technical Area 55, Building 4, B38 Interim Status Container Storage Unit, Revision 0.0*, [LA-UR-05-3872] submitted under cover dated May 26, 2005. The Closure Certification was signed by Kenneth M. Hargis (Acting Environmental Stewardship Division Leader), Edwin L. Wilmot (Manager, Los Alamos Site Office, U. S. Department of Energy), and P. Scott den Baars (New Mexico Registered Professional Engineer).

Ms. Lee Winn of my staff conducted a closure verification inspection at the Technical Area 55, Building 4, Room B38 interim status container storage unit on August 29, 2005.

Based on our review of the Permittees closure plan, closure certification report, and the results of our closure verification inspection, NMED has determined that Los Alamos National Laboratory has completed closure of the Technical Area 55, Building 4, Room B38 interim status container storage area appropriately. NMED is approving this closure verification based on the results of



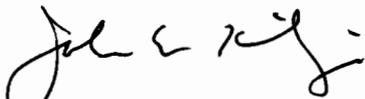
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swipe sampling and associated risk evaluation performed by the Permittees. NMED hereby approves the Permittees' clean closure of the Technical Area 55, Building 4, Room B38 interim status container storage area.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Lee Winn of my staff at (505) 428-2541.

Sincerely,



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