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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 14, 2010

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SUBJECT: Spill Response Assessment and Closure of Release ID# 2010-256 Occurring at Monitoring Well SCA-1, discovered on April 14, 2010

Dear Messrs. Casalina and Hjeresen:

On April 20, 2010, representatives of Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) reported an unauthorized discharge to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) as required by 20.6.2.1203 NMAC of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations. The report identified recently confirmed alluvial aquifer ground water with detection levels of chloride at 263 mg/L which exceeds the WQCC standard of 250 mg/L. The source of the exceedance is believed to be a result of snowmelt treatment on roadways. The depth at which the exceedance was confirmed is in ground water within Sandia Canyon wetland. Monitoring well SCA-1 is located within Sandia Canyon, Technical Areas 60 and 61, at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Corrective actions to address this release are being coordinated with the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB) in accordance with the Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order) proceeding under the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act § 74-4-10 and the New Mexico Solid Waste Act § 74-9-36(D) between NMED and the United States Department of Energy and the Regents of the University of California for Los Alamos National Laboratory. Based on the information in the Release/Discharge Notification submitted by LANS to GWQB on April 22, 2010 in accordance with 20.6.2.1203 NMAC, and because corrective actions are being coordinated with the HWB under the Consent Order, no



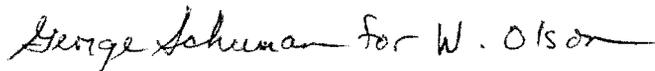
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further action is required at this time for release ID#2010-256. Please continue to coordinate any additional corrective actions related to the release with the HWB.

The GWQB reserves the right to require additional corrective actions not already being required should LANS fail to complete corrective actions to the satisfaction of the HWB. Furthermore, nothing in this letter shall be construed as relieving the United States Department of Energy or LANS, of its obligation to comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, permits or orders.

If you have any questions, please contact either Jennifer Fullam at (505) 827-2909 or George Schuman, Program Manager of the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section, at (505) 827-2945.

Sincerely,



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