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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

March 16, 2016

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**RE: 2015 ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT FOR LOS ALAMOS COUNTY  
LANDFILL SOILD WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS 73-001(A) AND 73-001(D)  
TECHNICAL AREA 73, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-16-006**

Dear Mr. Hintze:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) (the Permittee) document entitled *2015 Annual Inspection Report for Los Alamos County Landfill Solid Waste Management Units 73-001(a) and 73-001(d) Technical Area 73* (Report) dated and received February 14, 2016.

In accordance with NMED's Final Implementation Strategy for Post Closure Inspection and Maintenance of the Airport Landfill SWMU 73-001(a) and Debris Disposal Area SWMU 73-001(d), Los Alamos County Airport, New Mexico (Closure and Inspection Plan) dated August 13, 2009, the Permittee conducted the scheduled inspections and the post significant precipitations event inspections required for 2015. The Permittee monitored vegetative seeded areas, and reported the area to be well-populated with healthy vegetation. No burrows were observed by the Permittee during this inspection.



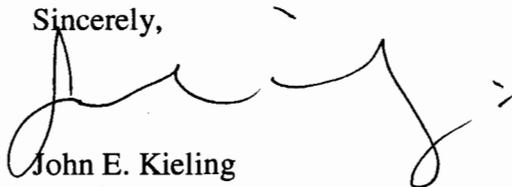
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The *Work Plan for Los Alamos County Airport Landfill Cover Replacement* (Work Plan) was approved with modifications by NMED on August 15, 2015. The Permittee began construction activities on October 7, 2015. NMED understands that construction activities may impact the Permittee's ability to continue to perform inspections and gas-monitoring. NMED understands that these activities will resume once construction is complete and a new monitoring plan has been approved by NMED.

The Permittees have met their obligation to conduct an annual inspection and maintenance of the Los Alamos County Airport Landfill SWMU 73-001(a) and 73-001(d) for 2015. The Permittee is not required to send a report documenting the inspection, maintenance of erosion controls until construction of the replacement cover is complete.

Please contact Siona Briley of my staff, at (505) 476-6049, should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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