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**RE: INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE SOIL-VAPOR VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS, TRITIUM, AND RADON SAMPLING AT THE MIXED WASTE LANDFILL, AUGUST 2008
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES, EPA ID# NM5890110518
HWB-SNL-08-018**

Dear Ms. Wagner and Mr. Nimick:

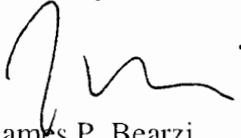
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the subject report and finds that the levels and distributions of tritium, radon, and volatile organic compound (VOC) vapors detected in the investigation are consistent with earlier data used to develop the conceptual model for the MWL. As demonstrated in the risk assessment that is included in the MWL Corrective Measures Study Report, similar levels detected in the past for these constituents were found not to pose unacceptable risk to human health and the environment based on an industrial land-use scenario.

NMED notes that a number of monitoring recommendations are made throughout the subject report. Other than trigger levels that are to be developed as part of the Corrective Measures Implementation Plan, as ordered by the NMED Secretary, the specific requirements for long-term monitoring will be negotiated as part of the Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. William Moats of my staff at (505) 222-9551.

Sincerely,



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