Pursuant to Section V of the Sandia Consent Order (April 29, 2004), the U. S. Department of Energy and Sandia Corporation (Permittees) notified the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on March 21, 2008, of the discovery of a newly identified release site. The Permittees subsequently submitted to NMED a Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) Assessment Report (SAR) for LTES Site 1 – Cable Debris, dated May 2008. The SAR documented the existence of debris piles comprised primarily of metal cables with other metal debris including spent rocket motors, steel pipes, tubes, cable cutters and other debris including concrete rubble, fill dirt and other solid waste. The need for additional investigation and cleanup was also identified in the SAR, thus, the subject Voluntary Corrective Action (VCA) Plan was prepared. NMED has reviewed the subject document and has determined that the scope of work identified in it is adequate.

NMED reserves the right to require additional investigation of SWMU LTES Site 1 – Cable Debris or require submittal of additional information pending the outcome of the VCA. Furthermore, the NMED intends to add SWMU LTES Site 1 – Cable Debris to Table A.1 of the
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Permittees RCRA Permit as part of a public notice to be conducted by NMED for a Class 3 permit modification requested by the Permittees in January 2008. Finally, in accordance with Section VI.H.4 of the Consent Order, the VCA may not be the final remedy for this SWMU.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Brian L. Salem of my staff at (505) 222-9576.

Sincerely,

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