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**RE: MIXED WASTE LANDFILL QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
EVAPOTRANSPIRATIVE COVER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, MAY-JULY
2009, SEPTEMBER 2009
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES
EPA ID# NM5890110518
HWB-SNL-09-014**

Dear Ms. Davis and Mr. Nimick:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the subject quarterly progress report, dated September 2009, and its transmittal letter of September 30, 2009. NMED has no concerns at this time; however, this letter does not constitute approval of construction completed to date or any of the other required corrective measures for the Mixed Waste Landfill.

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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