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**RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL
TIJERAS ARROYO GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION REPORT,
NOVEMBER 2005
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES, EPA ID# NM5890110518
SNL-05-028**

Dear Ms. Wagner and Ms. Walck:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the *Response to the Notice of Disapproval* (NOD), dated January 19, 2010, submitted by the U. S. Department of Energy on behalf of itself and Sandia Corporation (collectively the "Permittees"). The Response adequately addresses the comments included in the second NOD issued by NMED on August 12, 2009.

The NMED hereby approves the subject TAG Investigation Report and associated responses from the Permittees. NMED will begin reviewing the TAG Corrective Measures Evaluation Report, dated August 2005.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dezbah Tso of my staff at (505) 222-9528, or at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,



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