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RON CURRY
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**RE: FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS
POST-CLOSURE CARE PERMIT FOR THE CHEMICAL WASTE LANDFILL
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES, EPA ID# NM5890110518**

Dear Interested Person:

On October 15, 2009, New Mexico Environment Department (Department) Secretary Ron Curry signed a Final Order to issue a final Post-Closure Care Permit (Permit) for the Chemical Waste Landfill (CWL) at Sandia National Laboratories (SNL). SNL is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is co-operated by the DOE and Sandia Corporation (the Permittees), and is located on Kirtland Air Force Base, south of Albuquerque in Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

A public comment period was held from May 21, 2007 to August 20, 2007 on the draft Permit. The draft Permit was revised by the Department in response to received comments and through discussions with the Permittees and interested parties. The Final Order includes nonsubstantive changes to the permit concerning the effective date and term of the Permit once closure activities have been completed and approved by the Department.

The Final Order, final Permit and response to comments can be viewed on the Department's webpage at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwb/snlperm.html> under Chemical Waste Landfill Post-Closure Care Permit.

Sincerely,

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