Dear Messrs. Beausoleil and Dodge:

On September 24, 2013, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) took final administrative action on a Class 2 permit modification request (PMR) to modify the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The U.S. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration and the Los Alamos National Security LLC, (collectively the Permittees) submitted this PMR to the Hazardous Waste Bureau on June 26, 2013, seeking to increase the storage capacity and footprint of the two permitted hazardous waste management units at the Technical Area (TA) 54, Building 38, West, Radio-Assay and Non-Destructive Testing Facility (TA-54-38 West or RANT).

NMED hereby approves this PMR with changes for the reasons specified in the attached response to comments. This Class 2 PMR was evaluated and processed in accordance with the requirements specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(b)). The PMR was subject to a 60-day public comment period, running from June 25 through August 26, 2013, during which NMED received specific written comments from three individuals and organizations.
Attached are all comments received and NMED's general response to the comments. Information related to this administrative action may be found on the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau Information Page at http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwb/lanlperm.html.

Also attached is a disc containing the Revised Permit Parts and Attachments in redline strikeout and clean formats, and the full Permit in PDF format. The Permit is available on the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau LANL Permit page at http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwb/lanlperm.html.

The New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations at 20.4.901.A(10) NMAC state, “A final permit decision shall become effective thirty (30) days after the notice of the decision has been served on the applicant...” NMED approved this PMR on September 24, 2013; hence, the effective date of the Permit shall be October 24, 2013.

Please contact Tim Hall at (505) 222-9555, if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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