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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 6, 2013

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**RE: WITHDRAWAL OF TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FOR WASTE
REPACKAGING OPERATIONS AT TECHNICAL AREA (TA) 55
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID# NM 0890010515**

Dear Messrs. Griego and Brandt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) acknowledges receipt of the letter from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) (collectively the Permittees) withdrawing the Temporary Authorization (TA) request to conduct storage and repackaging at TA-55 dated January 31, 2013 and referenced by ENV- RCRA-13-0024.

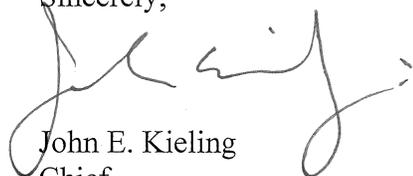
NMED received the TA request on October 15, 2012 and emailed several questions to the Permittees on October 19, 2012. The Permittees responded to those questions by email on November 6, 2012. During a telephone conversation on November 13, 2012, NMED informed the Permittees that the responses to those questions did not adequately address NMED's concerns and that the Permittees were required to fully address those concerns before NMED would issue a public notice for the TA request. In a letter dated December 19, 2012, the Permittees submitted the same responses to NMED's questions that were provided in their

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November 6, 2012 email. Although the Permittees still did not adequately address the questions, NMED had intended to issue the public notice for the TA request to solicit comments from the public beginning on February 4, 2013. NMED subsequently received the withdrawal letter referenced above from the Permittees and cancelled the public notice and comment period.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely,



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