

IV.A.3.g

Notification

By the fifteenth day of each month, the Respondents shall review the analytical data from all groundwater monitoring conducted under this Consent Order that was received during the previous month, and shall record the date of such review; provided, however, that if the fifteenth day of a month is a non-business day, then the review shall be conducted by the next business day. The Respondents shall notify the Department orally within one business day after review of the analytical data if such data show detection of a contaminant in a well screen interval or spring at a concentration that exceeds either the WQCC water quality standard or the federal maximum contaminant level if that contaminant has not previously exceeded such water quality standard or maximum contaminant level in such well screen interval or spring.

The Respondents shall notify the Department in writing within fifteen days after review of the analytical data if the data show any of the following:

1. Detection of a contaminant that is an organic compound in a spring or screened interval of a well if that contaminant has not previously been detected in the spring or screened interval.
2. Detection of a contaminant that is a metal or other inorganic compound at a concentration above the background level in a spring or screened interval of a well if that contaminant has not previously exceeded the background level in the spring or screened interval.
3. Detection of a contaminant in a spring or screened interval of a well at a concentration that exceeds either one-half the New Mexico water quality standard or one-half the federal maximum contaminant level, or if there is no such standard for the contaminant, one-half the EPA Region VI Human Health Medium-Specific Screening Level for tap water, if that contaminant has not previously exceeded one-half such standard or screening level in the spring or screened interval.
4. Detection of perchlorate in a spring or screened interval of a well at a concentration of 2 µg/L or greater if perchlorate at such concentration has not previously been detected in the spring or screened interval.
5. Detection of a contaminant that is a metal or other inorganic compound in a spring or screened interval of a well at a concentration that exceeds two times the background level for the third consecutive sampling of the spring or screened interval.
6. Detection of a contaminant in a spring or screened interval of a well at a concentration that exceeds either one-half the New Mexico water quality standard or one-half the federal maximum contaminant level, and that has increased for the third consecutive sampling of that spring or screened interval.

The written notification shall be submitted to the Department in a letter report that includes in table format, at a minimum, the date or dates of the sampling event, an identification of the well or spring, the location of the well or spring, the depth of the screened interval of the well or zone sampled, a list of the analytical data that triggered the reporting requirement, any known issues with sample quality, and the specific category for which the data is reported under this Section (IV.A.3.g). The Respondents may submit a proposal for further sampling or investigation, or the Department may require further sampling or investigation.

The Respondents shall develop and maintain an e-mail notification list to notify members of the public concerning groundwater analytical data reported under this Section (IV.A.3.g). The Respondents shall provide a link on the LANL/Environment Home Page <currently <http://www.lanl.gov/environment>> whereby members of the public may submit a request to be placed on this list. Within five working days of submittal to the Department of the written notification under this Section (IV.A.3.g), the Respondents shall post a notice on the LANL/Environment website and shall notify those on the e-mail notification list.

Previous data to be evaluated under this Section (IV.A.3.g) to determine whether specified levels have been exceeded, or to determine trends in data for three consecutive samples, shall include only data acquired after June 14, 2007. For the purpose of the notice requirements of this Section (IV.A.3.g), the background level of a contaminant shall be the most recent Department-approved 95 percent upper tolerance limit for the background for that contaminant set forth in the *Groundwater Background Investigation Report* prepared under Section IV.A.3.d of this Consent Order once approved by the Department, including any approved revisions, as it may be revised or replaced with another document.