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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 8, 2014

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**RE: APPROVAL
MIXED WASTE LANDFILL LONG-TERM MONITORING AND
MAINTENANCE PLAN, MARCH 2012
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES, EPA ID# NM5890110518
HWB-SNL-12-007**

Dear Mr. Beausoleil and Mr. Orrell:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) hereby approves the Sandia National Laboratories Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (LTMMP) for the Mixed Waste Landfill, March 2012, submitted to the NMED on March 23, 2012.

NMED held a public meeting on the LTMMP on October 16, 2012; the U. S. Department of Energy and Sandia Corporation assisted the NMED at this meeting by providing information on the plan to the public and answering questions. NMED also conducted a public comment period for the LTMMP from September 14, 2012, to February 11, 2013, for a total of 150 days. Numerous comments from the public were received. A copy of NMED's response to public comment is enclosed with this letter. The LTMMP was not changed as a result of public comment.

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The monitoring systems at the MWL that are not yet in place need to be deployed prior to the Permittees requesting a modification to the permit for corrective action complete status.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact John Kieling, Chief, Hazardous Waste Bureau, at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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