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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 7, 2016

Mr. Robert S. Beers, LANS-EPC-CP
Los Alamos National Security, LLC
P.O. Box 1663 MS K490
Los Alamos, NM 87545

RE: Confirmation of Compliance with Discharge Permit 1835 Pre-Discharge Requirements, Los Alamos National Laboratory Underground Injection Control Wells

Dear Mr. Beers:

On August 31, 2016, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau issued Discharge Permit DP-1835 to the United States Department of Energy and to Los Alamos National Security, LLC (the Permittees) for the discharge of up to 648,000 gallons per day (gpd) of contaminated groundwater pumped from up to three extraction wells installed in the regional aquifer, treated in ion exchange (IX) treatment systems to meet the groundwater standards set by 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, and injected into the regional aquifer through up to six Class V Underground Injection Control (UIC) wells.

In an email dated November 22, 2016, NMED confirmed that the Permittees had met the pre-discharge reporting requirements to initiate injection of treated groundwater from extraction well CrEX-1 into injection wells CrIN-4 and Cr-IN5. Please note that further actions are required as described in the permit prior to bringing addition wells online.

On December 6, 2016, NMED received notification that the Permittees began discharging treated groundwater on December 1, 2016 from CrEX-1 into injection wells CrIN-4 and CrIN-5 as approved. The Discharge Permit DP-1835 became effective on December 1, 2016 with the initiation of injection and will expire on December 1, 2021. Please submit your application for renewal at least 120 days prior to the expiration date to be considered Administratively Continued as per 20.6.2.3106.F NMAC.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-6891. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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