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**RE: APPROVAL
DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION WELL
CrEX-4
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-15-023**

Dear Messrs. Hintze and Robinson:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Drilling Work Plan for Groundwater Extraction Well CrEX-4* (Plan) dated September, 2017 and referenced by EP2017-0116. The Plan was received on September 5, 2017. In accordance with Section XXIII of the 2016 *Compliance Order on Consent* (Consent Order), a pre-submittal meeting was held on August 28, 2017, where NMED and the Permittees resolved all pertinent issues concerning the Plan such as the drill-site location for CrEX-4. NMED has reviewed the Permittees' Plan and hereby issues this Approval.

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Please contact Michael Dale at (505) 476-3078 if you have questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,



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