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**RE: 2012 LANL HAZARDOUS WASTE MINIMIZATION REPORT
 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
 EPA ID# NM 0890010515**

Dear Messrs. Griego and Brandt:

On November 26, 2012, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the 2012 Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Hazardous Waste Minimization Report from the United States Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Security, LLC, collectively the *Permittees*. This report was submitted to NMED as required by Section 2.9 of the LANL Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit).

Section 2.9 of the Permit states: "The Permittees shall implement and maintain a waste minimization program to reduce the volume and toxicity of hazardous wastes generated at the Facility (*see* 40 CFR § 264.73(b)(9))." NMED notes that the report generally complies with the Permit, and offers the following recommendation for future reporting years:

- Both the Permit and 40 CFR § 264.73(b)(9) require that the waste minimization program reduce the volume of hazardous wastes generated at LANL; however, waste quantities are reported by weight (kilograms) in the Report. To make the Report more useful to NMED and the public, and more

compatible with other data reported by the Permittees (e.g., the Site Treatment Plan, quarterly Framework Agreement reports, etc.), the data should be reported in cubic meters and/or 55-gallon drum equivalents.

NMED appreciates your consideration of this recommendation. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Tim Hall of my staff at 505-222-9555 or at timothy.hall@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,



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