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Subject: Data Submittal for Groundwater Monitoring at Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico Technical Area-V Groundwater Conducted by the NMED/DOE Oversight Bureau for FFY 2009 Q-1

Ms. Agogino:

This letter transmits the subject report as final. The report shows groundwater data results from Technical Area-V Groundwater monitoring wells collected by the New Mexico Environment Department DOE Oversight Bureau during the first quarter of FFY 2009.

The enclosed monitoring results were provided to the U.S Department of Energy in draft form on February 16, 2009, for 30-day comment and review. The final monitoring results are provided to DOE, the State of New Mexico and federal agencies, the NMED website and interested members of the public. If you have any questions, or if you would like copies of the complete data set, please contact me by phone at (505) 383-2070, by email at <u>chris.armijo1@state.nm.us</u>, or by mail to the address in the above letterhead.

Sincerely,

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Groundwater Monitoring at Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico Technical Area V Conducted by NMED/DOE Oversight Bureau for FFY 2009 Q-1

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) DOE Oversight Bureau (Bureau) has compiled and assessed groundwater data collected in December 2008. The Bureau collected groundwater samples from Technical Area-V monitoring wells: LWDS-MW1, TAV-MW6 and TAV-MW10. Split samples were collected using standard Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico (SNL/NM or Sandia) sampling procedures and equipment. The samples were submitted for analysis to an independent analytical laboratory for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrate plus nitrite (NPN). Elevated concentrations of trichloroethylene (TCE) and nitrates were noted in several wells.

Data Assessment

Data results are compared to applicable Maximum Allowable Concentrations (MACs) from the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) (20.6.2.3103A NMAC Human Health Standards) and Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (40 CFR 141).

<u>Results</u>

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) detected above the method detection limit (MDL) are listed in Table 1. Trichloroethylene (TCE) was detected above the EPA MCL of 5 μ g/L at LWDS-MW1, TAV-MW6 and TAV-MW10. Concentrations were 15 μ g/L, 10 μ g/L and 14 μ g/L, respectively.

Nitrate plus nitrite (NPN) results are listed in Table 2. Concentrations at LWDS-MW1 and TAV-MW10 exceeded the EPA MCL of 10 mg/L. Concentrations were 12 mg/L and 11 mg/L, respectively.

Conclusion

Trichloroethylene concentrations at LWDS-MW1 have consistently exceeded the EPA MCL of 5 μ g/L, but concentrations have steadily decreased over the life of the well (Figure 1). Trending data at TAV-MW6 indicate that TCE concentrations have been increasing over time (Figure 2).

The sample collected at TAV-MW10 for TCE and NPN was the first sample collected by the Bureau, so no trending analysis could be done at this time. The nitrate concentration at LWDS-MW1 exceeded the MCL of 10 mg/L. Nitrate concentrations at LWDS-MW1 have been slightly decreasing over time (Figure 3).

Response

Questions or comments should be addressed to Chris Armijo by phone at (505) 383-2070, by email at <u>chris.armijo1@state.nm.us</u>, or to the address in the letterhead.

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Table 1- NMED DOE Oversight Bureau FFY 2009 Q-1 Technical Area-V Groundwater Quality Results: Detected Volatile Organic Compounds

Monitoring Well/ Sample Date	Analyte	Result (µg/L)	MDL (µg/L)	Quantitation Limit (μg/L)	EPA MCL (µg/L)	NMED MAC (µg/L)	Laboratory Qualifier	Analytical Method
LWDS-MW1 11-Dec-08	Dichloroethene[cis-1,2-]	2.9	0.17	1	70	NE		SW8260_25
	Trichloroethylene	15	0.17	1	5	100		SW8260_25
TAV-MW6 8-Dec-08	Dichloroethene[cis-1,2-]	1.7	0.17	1	70	NE		SW8260_25
	Trichloroethylene	10	0.17	1	5	100		SW8260_25
TAV-MW10 9-Dec-08	Carbon Disulfide	0.59	0.17	1	NE	NE	J	SW8260_25
	Dichloroethene[cis-1,2-]	2.3	0.17	1	70	NE		SW8260_25
	Trichloroethylene	14	0.17	1	5	100		SW8260_25

Values in bold have exceeded the EPA MCL.

J = Estimated value

NE = Not Established

Table 2- NMED DOE Oversight Bureau FFY 2009 Q-1 Technical Area-V Groundwater Quality Results: Nitrate plus Nitrite

Monitoring Well/ Sample Date	Analyte	Result (mg/L)	MDL (mg/L)	Quantitation Limit (mg/L)	EPA MCL (mg/L)	NMED MAC (mg/L)	Laboratory Qualifier	Analytical Method
LWDS-MW1 11-Dec-08	Nitrate-Nitrite as N	12	0.055	0.2	10	10		EPA:353.2
TAV-MW6 8-Dec-08	Nitrate-Nitrite as N	8.7	0.055	0.2	10	10		EPA:353.2
TAV-MW10 9-Dec-08	Nitrate-Nitrite as N	11	0.055	0.2	10	10		EPA:353.2

Values in bold have exceeded the EPA MCL.





