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Subject: Submittal of the 2011 Interim Facility-Wide Groundwater Monitoring Plan, Revision 1

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are submitting this revision to the 2011 Interim Facility-Wide Groundwater Monitoring Plan (the Interim Plan), originally submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department on August 15, 2011. This revision incorporates U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidance for "necessary and sufficient monitoring" into the environmental investigations and monitoring being performed pursuant to the Compliance Order on Consent. Consistent with this goal, DOE and LANS have reviewed the original 2011 Interim Plan and have identified several areas where revisions to the monitoring approach can achieve greater efficiencies while still protecting groundwater resources. The Laboratory will begin implementing the scope of this revision in January 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Paris at (505) 606-0915 (smparis@lanl.gov) or Hai Shen at (505) 665-5046 (hai.shen@nnsa.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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