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Subject: Submittal of the Historical Investigation Report for Frijoles Canyon Aggregate Area

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Enclosed please find two hard copies with electronic files of the historical investigation report (HIR) for Frijoles Canyon Aggregate Area. The Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order) requires the Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) to submit an investigation work plan (IWP) and HIR for Frijoles Canyon Aggregate Area. As explained below and discussed with New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) staff, an IWP is not being submitted for the Frijoles Canyon Aggregate Area.

Frijoles Canyon Aggregate Area contains only two areas of concern (AOC) that have not been previously approved for no further action. Both of these AOCs are located within Bandelier National Monument on land owned by the National Park Service. During a meeting with your staff on August 24, 2010, DOE and LANS explained that, based on reviews of historical information, these sites are not associated with the Laboratory. Rather, these sites are associated with activities historically conducted at Bandelier National Monument by the Civilian Conservation Corps and National Park Service. Because these sites are not associated with Laboratory operations, the Laboratory indicated that no investigations would be proposed and requested that an IWP not be required for this aggregate area. NMED staff concurred with this approach and indicated that the Laboratory should only submit an HIR that documents the historical activities at the two AOCs. NMED would then make a final determination of whether an IWP was required based on its review of the HIR.

The information presented in the attached HIR indicates the wastes and materials located at these two AOCs are not associated with Laboratory activities. Therefore, because no releases of Laboratory-related contaminants occurred at these sites, they should not be subject to further requirements under the Consent Order. Following approval of the HIR by NMED, the Laboratory will request certificates of completion for these two sites.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Coel-Roback at (505) 665-5011 (becky_cr@lanl.gov) or Suzy Schulman at (505) 606-1962 (sschulman@doeal.gov).

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