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Subject: Revised Investigation/Remediation Report for Material Disposal Area B, Solid Waste Management Unit 21-015

Dear Mr. Kieling:

On September 30, 2011, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, submitted the Investigation/Remediation Report for Material Disposal Area B, Solid Waste Management Unit 21-015 to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). This report explained that at the time of submission all wastes had been removed from the disposal trenches at Material Disposal Area (MDA) B. It also stated that some wastes still remained at the MDA B project site and would continue to be managed in accordance with applicable regulations prior to proper disposal.

Recently, NMED has inquired as to the status of the waste remaining at the MDA B project site. Approximately 40,000 yd^3 of waste have been removed from the MDA B project site to date. This represents 90% of the waste generated during the project, which leaves less than 4,500 yd^3 remaining for disposal.

Pursuant to our conversation and in order to facilitate NMED's review, DOE/LANS will submit a revised report following the completion of waste shipments from the MDA B project site. This revised report will include verification information associated with the area of contamination. DOE/LANS will submit this revised report on or before April 30, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Schappell at (505) 606-2337 (schapp@lanl.gov) or Peter Maggiore at (505) 665-5025 (peter.maggiore@nnsa.doe.gov).

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