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Subject: Request for Certificate of Completion for One Area of Concern in the Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area

Dear Mr. Kieling:

In accordance with Section VII.E.6.b of the Compliance Order on Consent (the Consent Order), Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) and the U.S. Department of Energy are requesting a Certificate of Completion without Controls for the following area of concern (AOC) within the Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area:

- AOC 15-006(e), Projectile Test Area.

AOC 15-006(e) was recommended for Corrective Action Complete without Controls in the November 2011 Investigation Report for Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area, Revision 1 (LA-UR-11-6217/EP2011-0353). The report substantiates that AOC 15-006(e) is a duplicate of AOC C-36-006(e), providing the following rationale for the duplication. In 1981, the boundary of Technical Area 36 (TA-36) was expanded to include the portion of TA-15 in which AOC 15-006(e) is located. Because the projectile test area was no longer within the boundaries of TA-15 when the Operable Unit 1086 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act facility investigation work plan was written, the work plan renamed the AOC to C-36-006(e). The Laboratory is investigating the site under the latter designation. Because any future actions or controls under the Consent Order will be associated with AOC C-36-006(e), neither additional future actions nor site controls are necessary for the test area's duplicate designation of 15-006(e).

The investigation report was approved in the New Mexico Environment Department's December 14, 2011, letter, Notice of Approval [for the] Investigation Report [for] Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area (HWB-LANL-11-043).

If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (505) 665-1091 (jmccann@lanl.gov) or Woody Woodworth at (505) 665-5820 (lance.woodworth@nnsa.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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