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Subject: NPDES Permit No. NM0030759 – Request for Alternative Compliance for Site Monitoring Areas S-SMA-2 and S-SMA-0.25

Dear Mses. Johnsey and McDonald:

Enclosed please find two hard copies with electronic files of the U.S. Department of Energy's and Los Alamos National Security, LLC's (the Permittees') written request for alternative compliance for Sites 03-013(a) and 03-052(f), monitored at site monitoring area (SMA) S-SMA-0.25, and one of the four Sites, 03-056(c), within SMA S-SMA-2 at Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory).

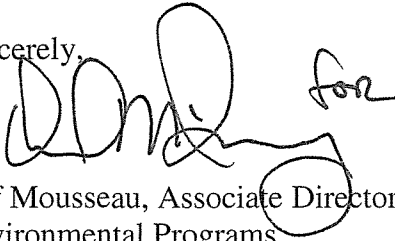
If the Permittees are unable to certify completion of corrective action under Part I.E.2(a) through (d), individually or collectively, of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. NM0030759 for the Laboratory (Individual Permit), Part I.E.3 allows them to file a written request with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on or at least 6 months before the applicable deadlines to complete corrective action. The applicable deadline for completion of corrective action at high priority Sites is April 30, 2013.

As required, the Permittees will issue a public notice of issuance of the alternative compliance request by publishing a notice in the *Los Alamos Monitor* and the *Santa Fe New Mexican* newspapers, by mailing a copy of the notice to those individuals on the New Mexico Environment Department- (NMED-) maintained Laboratory Facility Mailing List and to NMED and by posting the notice on the Individual Permit section of the Laboratory's public website for a public review and comment period of 45 days. The Permittees will prepare a written response to all relevant and significant comments, which will also be posted on the Individual Permit section of the Laboratory's public website.

After the 45-day comment period, the Permittees will then submit the alternative compliance request along with the complete record of public comment and the Permittees' response to comments to EPA Region 6 for a final determination on the request.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Veenis at (505) 667-0013 (veenis@lanl.gov).

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Alternative Compliance Request for S-SMA-2 (LA-UR-13-22840)
Alternative Compliance Request for S-SMA-0.25 (LA-UR-13-22842)

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