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RE: APPROVAL
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY NITRATE SALT-BEARING WASTE CONTAINER ISOLATION PLAN, REVISION 8
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-MISC

Dear Messrs. Hintze and Bretzke:

The Hazardous Waste Bureau ("HWB") of the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") has received from the United States Department of Energy ("DOE") and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC ("LANS") (collectively, the Permittees) the correspondence titled *Request for Review and Approval of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan, Revision 8,* dated April 13, 2017 (referenced by EPC-DO: 17-151/LA-UR-17-22739).

On May 19, 2014, NMED issued an Administrative Order (Order) requiring DOE and LANS to submit a Los Alamos National Laboratory ("LANL") Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan ("Plan"). The Plan was received by NMED on May 21, 2014 and was approved on May 23, 2014.

Subsequently, several revisions were made to the Plan on: May 29, 2014, and August 29, 2014 (Revision 1); September 19, 2014 (Revision 2); April 27, 2015 (Revision 3); August 12, 2015

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(Revision 4); January 14, 2016 (Revision 5); May 13, 2016 (Revision 6); and on October 17, 2016 (Revision 7).

On April 13, 2017, a request for the review and approval of Revision 8 to the Plan was submitted to allow for the use of forklifts at the Waste Characterization, Reduction, and Repackaging Facility ("WCRRF") to assist in the safe movement of waste prior to treatment, and to update procedure names and numbers to accurately reflect operation at LANL. NMED has completed its review and hereby approves Revision 8 of the Plan.

Should you have any questions, please contact John Kieling, at (505) 476-6035, or Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6042.

Sincerely,

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