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**RE: APPROVAL
GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN FOR CONSOLIDATED
UNIT 16-021(c)-99, INCLUDING DRILLING WORK PLANS FOR WELLS R-68
AND R-69
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-16-046**

Dear Messrs. Hintze and Brandt:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Groundwater Investigation Work Plan for Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99, Including Drilling Work Plans for Wells R-68 and R-69* (Plan) dated September, 2016 and referenced by EP2016-0109. The Plan was received on September 6, 2016. NMED has reviewed the Plan and hereby issues this approval.

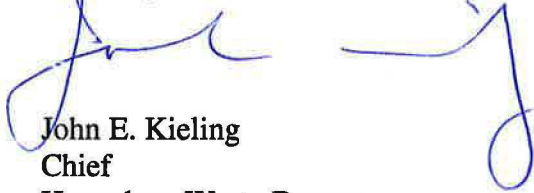
The Permittee's Plan states that regional well R-68 will be completed and sampled by **February 28, 2017**. If R-68 cannot be completed and sampled by this date, then the Permittees must provide NMED with formal notification of the delay and reasons for such delay as soon as possible.

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