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**RE: FINAL DECISION AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
MODIFICATION TO THE CONSENT ORDER FOR GROUNDWATER
NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY**

Dear Interested Person:

Today, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C. (LANS), (collectively, the Permittees) are in agreement on the modification of the notification requirements for groundwater monitoring results in the March 1, 2005 Order on Consent (Order). The modification was a result of a Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Final Order (No. HWB-07-27) filed on June 14, 2007. The agreement was signed by DOE, LANS and NMED and became effective on May 13, 2008.

Public comments were solicited by NMED on the proposed Order modification for a period of 60 days from August 8, 2007 to October 9, 2007. NMED also held a public meeting on August 27, 2007, during which NMED provided additional information on the proposed modification to the Order. Comments concerning the Order modification were received from one commenter. One change was made to the proposed language based on the comments. The final modification language, a redline strikeout version of the modification language, and the response to comments can be viewed on NMED's web page at www.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwb/lanlperm.html under "Modification of Consent Order (5-13-2008)".

Sincerely,

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