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November 16, 2004

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RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATION OF CLOSURE PLANS FOR INTERIM STATUS CONTAINER STORAGE UNITS: TECHNICAL AREA 50, BUILDING TA-50-1, ROOM 59 AND BUILDING TA-50-37, [ROOMS 115 AND 118], AND TECHNICAL AREA 55, ROOM B38 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-02-014, 02-025

Dear Messrs. Nanos and Wilmot:

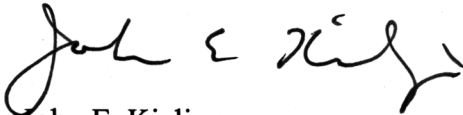
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received comments during the public comment period for *Los Alamos National Laboratory Technical Area 50 Closure Plan for Interim Status Container Storage Units TA-50-1, Room 59 and TA-50-37 [Rooms 115 and 118]*, July 2003 (LA-UR-03-5409) and *Los Alamos National Laboratory Technical Area 55 Closure Plan for the B38 Container Storage Unit*, August 2002 (LA-UR-02-5451). NMED has reviewed these comments and requires modifications to the Closure Plans in response to the comments. NMED hereby approves these documents with the modifications described in the attachment to this letter.

The University of California and the Department of Energy (collectively, the "Permittees") must modify the Closure Plans as described in the attachment within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If the Permittees fail to modify these documents and provide the revised documents within the given timeframe, the approval for these documents will be rescinded.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lee Winn of my staff at (505) 428-2541.

Sincerely,



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