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June 2, 2011

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**RE: APPROVAL
CLOSURE OF CHEMICAL WASTE LANDFILL AND POST-CLOSURE CARE
PERMIT IN EFFECT
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES, EPA ID# NM5890110518
HWB-SNL-10-013**

Dear Ms. Wagner and Mr. Orrell:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed the September 23, 2010, report *Chemical Waste Landfill Final Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Closure Report* and the accompanying September 14, 2010, *Certification of Closure*, submitted under 20.4.1.600 NMAC incorporating 40 C.F.R. §265.115. NMED hereby approves closure for the U. S. Department of Energy's and Sandia Corporation's (collectively, the Permittees) Chemical Waste Landfill (CWL) at Sandia National Laboratories.

Pursuant to Part 1.0 of the CWL Post-Closure Care Permit (PCCP) issued October 15, 2009, and in accordance with the Secretary's Final Order of October 15, 2009, the PCCP is now effective and supersedes the CWL Closure Plan (December 1992). Therefore, the PCCP is the governing regulatory and enforceable document for the CWL.

The CWL PCCP shall remain in effect for ten years from the date of this letter in accordance with Section 20.4.1.900 NMAC, incorporating 40 CFR § 270.50(a), unless the PCCP is modified, suspended or revoked under the Hazardous Waste Act, NMSA 1978, § 74-4-4.2, or under Section 20.4.1.901 NMAC, or Section 20.4.1.900 NMAC, incorporating 40 CFR

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§ 270.41, §270.42, and § 270.43. or the post-closure care period is shortened pursuant to Permit Part 3.2.1.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. David Strasser at (505) 222-9526.

Sincerely,



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