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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

November 28, 2018

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**RE: APPROVAL  
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AREA OF CONTAMINATION FOR  
THE INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIATION OF TECHNICAL AREA 21  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL)  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-18-MISC**

Dear Mr. Hintze:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) *Request for Approval of Area of Contamination for the Investigation and Remediation of Technical Area 21* (Request), dated November 14, 2018 and received on November 14, 2018. NMED hereby approves DOE's request to designate an area of contamination (AOC) at Technical Area 21 for the duration of the investigation and remediation activities at the site with the following conditions.

DOE may not utilize the AOC concept to return contaminated media to its point of origin or to circumvent the 90-day hazardous waste storage limitation (20.4.1.300 NMAC incorporating 40 CFR §262.34(a)). The AOC may be used solely to facilitate the staging and segregation of remediation wastes on-site. DOE must document all areas within the AOC that are used for management of waste for the duration of their use. All waste must be managed in accordance with the applicable requirements of 20.4.1.100 and 20.4.1.200

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NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR 260 and 261).

If you have any questions or comments regarding this correspondence, please contact Robert Murphy at 505-476-6022.

Sincerely,



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