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May 23, 2005

Mr. Edwin L. Wilmot, Site Manager Los Alamos Site Office U.S. Department of Energy c/o Mr. Mike Saladen P.O. Box 1663, Mail Stop K497 Los Alamos, NM 87544

Re: Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement Docket No. CWA-06-2005-1701

NPDES No. NM0030759

March 31, 2005, Storm Water Sampling Plan, Revision 1

Dear Mr. Wilmot:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your Storm Water Sampling Plan that Mr. Steven Rae of your staff submitted with a cover letter dated March 31, 2005. After a review of this plan, EPA did not find any technical reason to prevent proceeding forward with this plan. The plan meets the requirements set forth in the Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement referenced above and you may now consider the Storm Water Sampling Plan of March 31, 2005, to be approved.

Due to the large amount of sampling and potential challenges, there may be some technical issues that need to be reviewed in the future. If something comes to your attention that needs addressed or potentially changed in the plan, please contact both us and the New Mexico Environment Department and we will address any appropriate changes.

Thank you for your attention to this matters. It is the goal of EPA and the Clean Water Act that all waters of the U.S. be protected to water quality standards. If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone at (214) 665-7112 or by e-mail at sharpe.taylor@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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