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Subject: University of California and U.S. Department of Energy, NSR Air Quality Permit Nos. 2195-J and 2195-K

Dear Mr. Goodyear:

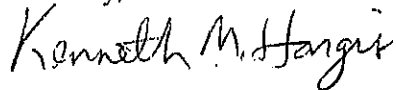
On March 29, 2005, the Air Quality Bureau ("Bureau") of the New Mexico Environment Department issued NSR Air Quality Permit No. 2195-J for the TA-11 Wood and Fuel Fire Test Site and TA-16 Flash Pad and NSR Air Quality Permit No. 2195-K for the DX-TA-36 Sled Track to Los Alamos National Laboratory ("Laboratory"). These permits were issued under 20.2.72 NMAC for facilities that had operated for several years under open burn permits issued under 20.2.60 NMAC. The permits were appealed to the Environmental Improvement Board, and the appeals are currently pending.

As you are aware, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") has recently awarded the contract to manage the Laboratory to a new entity. In addition, DOE is developing a strategic plan for missions at its national laboratory complex. In view of these events, and as part of its transition planning for the new contract, the Laboratory undertook a review of the testing and activities anticipated at the sites covered by the permits. The Laboratory recently completed this review and determined that, for the foreseeable future, it no longer needs to perform the types of testing and activities authorized by the permits.

Therefore, the Regents of the University of California, current operator of the Laboratory, and DOE, owner of the Laboratory, request that the Bureau cancel these permits. If, in the future, the Laboratory determines that activities at these sites are necessary, the Laboratory will apply to the Bureau for the appropriate approvals before such activities are initiated.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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