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Mr. Ralph L. Phelps  
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Dear Mr. Phelps:

The Department of Energy's Los Alamos Site Office has reviewed the Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board recommendation 2008-10 – Regarding Independent Review of the MDA G Corrective Measures Evaluation Report by DOE Office of Groundwater and Soil Remediation. The Los Alamos Site Office response to this recommendation is provided in the attachment.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact David Gregory at (505) 667-5808, or myself at (505) 606-0397.

Sincerely,

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## **ATTACHMENT**

### **Recommendation No. 2008-10 by Waste Management Committee –**

#### **Regarding Independent Review of the MDA G Corrective Measures Evaluation Report by DOE Office of Groundwater and Soil Remediation**

##### **Recommendation**

The NNM CAB recommends that DOE direct LANL to submit the MDA G Corrective Measures Evaluation Report to DOE Office of Groundwater and Soil Remediation for an independent peer review of the report. A timely schedule for review completion and report issue by DOE should also be established.

##### **Interim Response**

The MDA G Corrective Measures Evaluation Report was submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department on September 18, 2009 to meet the compliance milestone. However, because an extension request for submittal of the document could not be negotiated with NMED, multiple rounds of groundwater data were not provided in the report. Therefore, an additional revision to the CME will be submitted to NMED at a later date (yet to be negotiated), which will include groundwater data to support the selected remedial alternative for MDA G. When all required groundwater data has been compiled, the Los Alamos Site Office (LASO) will coordinate a peer review with the Environmental Management Program, and the findings will be presented to the NNM CAB.

LASO remains committed to implementing corrective measures at MDA G that protect human health and the environment and comply with all applicable regulations.