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### **BDD BOARD'S RESPONSE TO THE FINAL INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW REPORT**

**December 7, 2010** - The BDD Board is confident in ChemRisk's independent conclusions that state there will be no health risk to people drinking BDD tap water.

ChemRisk has finished the separate, detailed, comprehensive, scientific investigation in response to the public comments. Multiple sources have validated the safety of the drinking water that will be produced by the Buckman Project.

Many investigations over many years by public agencies have been undertaken to assure the safety of the drinking water provided to the Santa Fe community by the Buckman Regional Water Supply Project. The drinking water quality will be better than is required by all applicable safe drinking water standards.

The Independent Peer Review is the latest of these steps. The conclusions are consistent---Los Alamos National Laboratory legacy contaminants pose no threat to the health of our customers.

This is the same conclusion previously reached by federal agencies that conducted a five-year study of the project before it was allowed to proceed. It is the same conclusion reached by the New Mexico Environment Department, which regulates the quality of drinking water in New Mexico. It is the same conclusion reached by a University of New Mexico drinking water quality expert. It is the same conclusion reached by consulting engineers and scientists who are professionally responsible for the project design and performance.

Public involvement has been essential to this process. From the beginning, the public has had transparent access and input to all steps of the project.

It is time to turn on the taps. Beginning early next year, treated and excellent quality Rio Grande water will gradually flow to our faucets. We are looking forward to drinking the first glass.