October 27, 2015

Ohlsen Family Trust

2101 Loma Linda DR

Los Alamos, NM 87544

**Re: Erosion at Covered Wagon Lots**

Dear Ohlsen Family Trust,

As required by the City’s MS4 permit with the EPA, the City is to inspect 100% of construction sites 1 acre or larger for compliance with EPA regulations as well as the City’s Drainage Control Ordinance.

The main focus of the program is to keep sediment, trash and pollutants out of the streets so they don’t get into the storm drains that lead to the river.

I realize there is no current construction on your lots on Covered Wagon Ave, but they are eroding and depositing sediment onto the streets, which then makes it into the City’s storm drains. See photos.

The fix is pretty easy and not all that expensive. A wattle (8 to 12 inch diameter) or silt fence can be constructed behind the curb. These items are regularly used to help in these matters.

If you live in Los Alamos and it is too far to drive, there are a few local companies that could take care of this for you. Let me know if you would like recommendations.

Even if you remedy the issue, I would like to hear from you as there will be a little more to do when house construction begins.

Please contact me at 924-3420, ccherne@cabq.gov.

Sincerely,

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