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**RE: APPROVAL**  
**2018 MONITORING PLAN FOR LOS ALAMOS/PUEBLO WATERSHED**  
**SEDIMENT TRANSPORT MITIGATION PROJECT**  
**LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY**  
**EPA ID #NM0890010515**  
**HWB-LANL-18-018**

Dear Messrs. Hintze and Legare:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *2018 Monitoring Plan for Los Alamos/Pueblo Watershed Sediment Transport Mitigation Project* (2018 Monitoring Plan) dated and received April 24, 2018, and referenced by LA-UR-18-23238/ADEM-18-0036. Subsequent to submittal of the 2018 Monitoring Plan, DOE transferred this effort from LANS to DOE's contractor Newport News Nuclear BWXT-LA (N3B), which is also a Permittee under EPA ID#NM0890010515. Hereafter, DOE and N3B are collectively referred to as the Permittees.

In accordance with the 2016 Compliance Order on the Consent, NMED and the Permittees held informal discussions on January 22, 2018, to address NMED's *Response to the 2017 Monitoring Plan for Los Alamos/Pueblo Watershed Sediment Transport Mitigation Project* dated, July 11, 2017. The Permittees have incorporated the changes as agreed to in the meeting held on January 22, 2018.

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NMED has completed its review of the 2018 Monitoring Plan and hereby approves the plan. The next annual monitoring plan must be submitted to NMED no later than **April 30, 2019**.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Siona Briley at (505) 476-6049.

Sincerely,



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