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John Kieling, Chief  
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**Subject: 15-Day Sampling Notification for Known Cleanup Site Campaign at Technical Area 15**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

On June 17, 2019, Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC (N3B) is scheduled to begin soil sampling and remediation for Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) 15-007(c) and 15-008(b) under the Known Cleanup Sites Campaign. These efforts are in response to recommendations set forth in the "Supplemental Investigation Report for Threemile Canyon Aggregate Area," dated February 2016. Lead, copper, and uranium data presented in these reports indicated additional sampling and remediation were required to achieve industrial screening levels, mitigate ecological risk, and confirm decreasing concentrations with depth for uranium. Soil and tuff samples will be collected to determine the extent of contamination, and the site will be remediated.

Sampling and remediation activities are expected to last approximately 2 to 3 months, with site excavation concluding on or around September 20, 2019. A letter report documenting field completion of cleanup will be submitted by September 30, 2019. The sampling results and risk assessments for these two sites will be presented in an investigation report.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jack Grow at (505) 257-7617 (jack.grow@em-la.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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