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RE: APPROVAL  
DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR REGIONAL WELL R-72  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-20-015

Dear Mr. Duran:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) *Drilling Work Plan for Regional Well R-72 (Work Plan)*, dated March 2020, and referenced by EM2020-0042. The Work Plan was received March 16, 2020.

NMED and DOE discussed the proposed location and construction details of well R-72 by electronic mail and at a technical team meeting on November 5, 2019. NMED approved DOE's proposed location for well R-72 by electronic mail on November 6, 2019. Further details of the proposed construction and location for well R-72 are included in the Work Plan. NMED has reviewed the Work Plan and hereby issues the Approval.

Well R-72 must be completed by December 18, 2020, as proposed in the Work Plan. Additionally, a letter report documenting the completion of R-72 and collection of first samples must be delivered to NMED by December 18, 2020, as required by Milestone #4 of the Fiscal Year 2020 Appendix B of the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent.

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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Christopher Krambis at (505) 476-3078.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Pierard".

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