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**RE: CLARIFICATION
NMED APPROVAL OF 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) received the United States Department of Energy-Environmental Management (DOE-EM) *Drilling Work Plan for Regional Well R-72* (Work Plan), referenced by EM2020-0042 on March 16, 2020. NMED approved the Work Plan on March 23, 2020. On March 25, 2020, DOE requested, via electronic mail, clarification of part of the letter that referenced due dates required by Milestone #4 of the Fiscal Year 2020 Appendix B of the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent.

On March 26, 2020, NMED and DOE discussed the issue via a conference call. During this call, DOE requested that NMED send a clarification letter explaining that the due date of December 18, 2020 for Well R-72 completion and reporting of first samples is a target date; not a milestone for fiscal year (FY) 2020. NMED concurs with the DOE-EM that the December 18, 2020 due date for R-72 completion and reporting of first samples is a target date for FY 2021. The milestones and target dates for FY 2021 will be discussed during the Annual Planning Process.

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

Sincerely,



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