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RE: **POTENTIAL NEWLY DISCOVERED SWMU OR AOC  
MIDDLE DP ROAD SITE  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
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Dear Messrs. Johnson and Weis:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the *Response to the 28 February 2020 New Mexico Environment Department Request for Information on the Potential Newly Discovered Solid Waste Management Unit or Area of Concern* (Response) submitted on March 9, 2020 by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), DOE Office of Environmental Management Los Alamos (EM-LA), Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC (N3B), and Triad National Security, LLC (Triad) (collectively the Permittees). The Response was submitted at the request of NMED through correspondence to the Permittees dated February 28, 2020 after the Permittees verbally notified NMED on February 20, 2020, of the existence of a potential newly discovered release site pursuant to Compliance on Consent Order (Consent Order) Section X.

NMED has reviewed the Response and three weekly status reports (for the weeks of March 16, 2020, March 22, 2020, and March 29, 2020) submitted by the Permittees. In accordance with Section X.C of the Consent Order, DOE EM-LA must develop and implement a preliminary

screening plan that includes sampling and investigation activities and a schedule for implementing these activities. As soon as possible, please provide NMED with information regarding the anticipated plan and timeframe associated with those efforts. While the Consent Order does not specify a deadline for such efforts, NMED expects that tasks associated with Section X will be undertaken as soon as practicable. Based on the results of investigation, a determination will be made if the site should be added to the Appendix A of the Consent Order.

Please respond within ten (10) days of the date of this letter confirming your intent to comply with the specifications contained in this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6042.

Sincerely,



*for*  
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