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Mr. Kevin Pierard
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Subject: Response to April 07, 2020 New Mexico Environment Department letter Regarding Potential Newly Discovered SWMU or AOC Middle DP Road Site Los Alamos National Laboratory, EPA ID #NM0890010515 LANL-MISC-CO

References:

1. NMED letter EPA ID#NM0890010515 LANL-MISC-CO to T. Johnson, EM-LA and M. Weis, NA-LA from K. Pierard NMED HWB, Subject: *Potential Newly Discovered SWMU or AOC Middle DP Road Site Los Alamos National Laboratory*, date: April 07, 2020
2. DOE EM-LA and NA-LA letter MAI: 08PM-2020-001227 to K. Pierard, NMED HWB from D. Hintze, DOE EM-LA and M. Weis, DOE NA-LA, Subject: *Response to the February 28, 2020 New Mexico Environment Department Request for Information on the Potential Newly Discovered Solid Waste Management Unit or Area of Concern Los Alamos National Laboratory (EPA ID #NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-MISC-CO)*, date: March 9, 2020

Dear Mr. Pierard:

Since our March 9 submittal of documentation, NMED has asked DOE to continue to develop plans for a path forward at the DP Road site. Accordingly, NA-LA, EM-LA have been coordinating with the landowner, Los Alamos County, on immediate site recovery and future cleanup activities.

For now, the immediate excavation area remains secure with fencing, is locked to prevent unauthorized access and bears radiological warning signs. Although ownership of the land remains with Los Alamos County, NA-LA has been granted access as necessary for recovery actions and site security. Excavated debris and soil piles, from the trench, have been covered to prevent possible spread of contamination. Air monitoring stations on DP Road and within the vicinity of the site continue to show no detectable radiological activity above background. Regular site inspections have confirmed the tarps remain in place and that the site remains secure.

With respect to the future cleanup of the site and in direct response to your request, EM-LA intends to complete the tasks associated with Section X of the Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order) as soon as practicable and in full coordination with all ongoing activities at the

DP Road site. Also, as you noted in your letter regarding Section X.C of the Consent Order, EM-LA agrees that with the benefit of a preliminary screening plan, a determination can be made as to whether the site should be added to Appendix A of the Consent Order. Also, with respect to any future discussions related to the Consent Order, EM-LA will be the lead.

Thank you for your letter and we will continue to keep you informed of developments.

Sincerely,

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