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**RE: APPROVAL  
WESTBAY WELL RECONFIGURATION REPORT FOR R-31  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
LANL-20-005**

Dear Mr. Duran

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management's (EM-LA) Los Alamos Field Office, *Westbay Well Reconfiguration Report for R-31* (Report), dated February 2020 and referenced by EM2020-0023. The report was received on February 13, 2020.

DOE met with NMED on October 9, 2019 to discuss several options based on field observations that would result in deviations from the approved work plan. NMED approved, via e-mail on October 10, 2019, DOE's proposal to retain screens 3 and 4 for monitoring and to abandon screens 2 and 5 at R-31. On November 19, 2018, DOE submitted a work plan for reconfiguration of Westbay monitoring wells R-19 and R-31 that was approved with modifications by NMED on February 5, 2019.

DOE has completed the reconfiguration of monitoring well R-31 and the results are presented in the Report. NMED has reviewed the Report and hereby approves the Report.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Michael Jojola at (505) 476-6056.

Sincerely



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