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Arturo Duran, Designated Agency Manager  
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**RE: REVIEW**  
**2019 BIENNIAL ASPHALT MONITORING AND REMOVAL REPORT FOR AREA OF CONCERN C-00-041, GUAJE/BARRANCAS/RENDIJA CANYONS AGGREGATE AREA**  
**EPA ID #NM0890010515**  
**HWB-LANL-19-075**

Dear Mr. Duran:

The New Mexico Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) *2019 Biennial Asphalt Monitoring and Removal Report for Area of Concern C-00-041, Guaje/Barrancas/Rendija Canyons Aggregate Area* (Report) dated and received December 16, 2019 and referenced by EMLA-2020-1167-04-001/EM2019-0409.

As required by NMED's July 2, 2008 *Notice of Approval Asphalt Monitoring and Removal Plan for Area of Concern C-00-041, Guaje/Barrancas/Rendija Canyons Aggregate Area* (Plan) a biennial asphalt monitoring and removal inspection was conducted October 17, 2019. DOE inspected the site to identify asphalt and remove tar exposed by runoff or erosion since the 2017 inspection and removal of asphalt and tar debris. DOE reports that in 2019 a total of one and one half 55-gallon drums (820 lbs) of primarily asphalt debris was removed from within and directly adjacent to AOC C-00-041 and was transferred to the Los Alamos County Eco Station for recycling. In 2013, one-half of one 55-gallon drum with asphalt debris was removed. In 2015, an equivalent of two to three 55-gallon drums filled with asphalt debris was removed from AOC C-00-041 and in 2017, an equivalent of two 55-gallon drums filled with asphalt debris were

removed from AOC C-00-041. DOE Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) has recommended changing from a biennial inspection and removal to a quadrennial inspection and removal. NMED has reviewed the Report and based on history of previous inspections and removal campaigns, has decided that DOE should continue with the biennial inspection and removal reports. The DOE must continue to comply with the Plan which requires that the next inspection be completed in the early fall and a monitoring report submitted by **December 31, 2021**.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mitchell Schatz (505) 476-6051.

Sincerely,

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