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> Date: July 22, 2020 Refer To: N3B-2020-0231

Carol Johnson and Curry Jones U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 Dallas, Texas 75270-2102

Subject: Notification of Resumption of Operations for Activities under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Number NM0030759

Dear Ms. Johnson and Mr. Jones:

The U.S. Department of Energy Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) and Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC (N3B), collectively the Permittees of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. NM0030759 (Individual Permit), are notifying Region 6 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of plans to resume operations, including activities required for compliance with the Individual Permit. Because of a partial stop-work order issued by EM-LA in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, N3B's operations at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) have been limited to those considered essential mission critical activities (EMCA) since March 24, 2020. N3B provided Region 6 of EPA "Notification of Force Majeure Status and Anticipated Noncompliance due to Partial Stop-Work Order for Activities under National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit Number NM0030759," on April 17, 2020.

Resumption of N3B's operations at LANL will occur in phases, starting with additional mission critical activities that are both high priority and low risk. Based on current State of New Mexico-imposed restrictions and N3B's DOE-approved Resumption of Operations Plan (ROP), the Permittees are working towards achieving normal operations in the coming weeks. Although subject to change, N3B anticipates resumption of Individual Permit requirements by August 15, 2020.

Any noncompliances identified due to the partial DOE stop-work order and related EMCA status will be identified in the annual Site Discharge Pollution Prevention Plan update for 2020.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Veenis at (505) 309-1362 (steve.veenis@em-la.doe.gov) or M. Lee Bishop at (505) 257-7902 (lee.bishop@em.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

Joseph Murdock Program Manager

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Subject: RE: Submittal to EPA on 7/22/2020 of NPDES IP Resumption Notification

Email received Pamela. Thank you!

Carol Johnson

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Ms. Johnson and Mr. Jones,

Attached for submittal is a pdf of the following:

 Notification of Resumption of Operations for Activities under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Number NM0030759 (N3B-2020-0231)

Please acknowledge receipt of this submittal by responding to this email.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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