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**RE: REVIEW**  
**MONITORING YEAR 2019 ANNUAL PERIODIC MONITORING REPORT FOR THE TECHNICAL AREA 21 MONITORING GROUP, LOS ALAMOS CANYON WATERSHED, FEBRUARY 2020**  
**LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL)**  
**EPA ID #NM0890010515**  
**LANL-20-010**

Dear Mr. Duran:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) *Monitoring Year 2019 Annual Periodic Monitoring Report for the Technical Area 21 Monitoring Group, Los Alamos Canyon Watershed* (Report), dated February 2020 and referenced by EM2020-0032. The Report was received on February 20, 2020. NMED has reviewed the Report and has the following comment.

- Results for low-level tritium at Wells R-9, TA-53i and R-66 are not reported in Table C-1 or Table C-2 in Appendix C. The MY2019 IFGMP proposed annual sampling for this constituent for all three wells in MY2019 and the previous annual periodic monitoring report provided the result for low-level tritium from MY2018. Deviations regarding low-level tritium sampling were not provided for these wells in Table 2.1-1 of the Report. Please provide the results or provide an explanation for why the results are not provided in the Report.

Please provide a response to the comment within 30-days of receipt of this letter. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Christopher Krambis of my staff at (505) 476-3078.

Sincerely,

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