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**RE: DELTA PRIME SITE AGGREGATE AREA PROGRESS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA IS #NM0890010515
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Dear Mr. Duran

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) *Delta Prime Site Aggregate Area Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2020* (Report) dated September 28, 2020 and received September 30, 2020 and referenced by EM2020-0430.

The Report was submitted to fulfill the 2016 Compliance Order of Consent (Consent Order) requirement for the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Appendix B Milestones and Targets, Technical Area 21 (TA-21) Decontamination and Decommissioning and Cleanup Campaign. The Report summarizes the initiation of fieldwork activities at the remaining sites associated with building 21-257, former building 21-35, Delta Prime West industrial waste lines, and Delta Prime East. As stated in the progress Report, because of the discovery of elevated radiological conditions, "work associated with the IWLs and building 21-257 was paused for further evaluation and could not be completed as planned. These results also impacted further investigation of the AOCs and SMWUs associated with the TA-21 D&D Cleanup Campaign."


NMED notes that because of unexpected radiological conditions encountered at TA-21, DOE suspended the planned investigations at TA-21 in March 2020. DOE was not able to fulfill the requirements of the Milestone #14. The Report provides details of the field events that lead to

suspension of investigations at TA-21. DOE proposes to complete safety basis documentation and obtain approval of the documents before resuming investigations at TA-21. NMED acknowledges receipt of the Report that provided details of the events that impacted the completion of the field work planned for 38 sites at TA-21.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mitchell Schatz (505) 690-5910.

Sincerely,

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