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**RE: SOUTH ANCHO CANYON AGGREGATE AREA PROGRESS REPORT
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID # NM0890010515
LANL-20-066**

Dear Mr. Duran:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE's) *South Ancho Canyon Aggregate Area Progress Report*, dated and received on September 30, 2020 and referenced by EMLA-2020-1603-02-001.

The Progress Report was submitted to fulfill the requirement of Southern External Boundary Campaign, Milestone #16 of Appendix B for fiscal year (FY) 2020 under the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order). The due date for submittal of the Progress Report was September 30, 2020.

The Report summarizes the field work that was conducted, and the impacts COVID-19 had on the completion of the sample collection as required by FY 2020 Milestone #16. The Progress Report discussed that 291 of the 618 samples initially planned under the Investigation Work Plan for the South Ancho Canyon Aggregate Area were completed by the expected due date of September 30, 2020. The Progress Report stated that approximately 60 field days of work are remaining, moving the completion date for the initial fieldwork to February 2021. Furthermore, Appendix B lists the target date for the required Investigation Report for South Ancho Canyon Aggregate Area as March 31, 2021. The completion date for the Investigation Report is proposed to be moved back to September 30, 2021, as reflected in the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2021 Appendix B Consent Order milestones.

NMED hereby validates that the Progress Report was submitted at the required deadline of the FY 2020 Milestone #16. NMED understands that the requirements of the FY 2020 Milestone #16 were not met due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The validation does not constitute an approval of the field work

conducted at the sites described in the Report. DOE will present analytical results and risk assessments in future investigation reports. NMED will conduct review of analytical data and risk evaluations at that time.

If you have any questions, please contact Neelam Dhawan at 505-476-6042.

Sincerely,

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