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Mr. Kevin Pierard
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Subject: Response to New Mexico Environment Department Letter, Well Rehabilitation Work Plan Requirement, Regional Aquifer Wells R-28, R-42, and CrEX-3

Dear Mr. Pierard:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) has received the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) letter, "Well Rehabilitation Work Plan Requirement, Regional Aquifer Wells R-28, R-42, and CrEX-3," dated April 28, 2021. In the letter, NMED stated that EM-LA is required to submit a work plan to NMED within 30 days of receipt of the letter (May 28, 2021). The work plan must provide a detailed description of EM-LA's plan to further the rehabilitation of wells R-28, R-42, and CrEX-3.

Consistent with the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent, on May 13, 2021 the Designated Agency Managers (DAMs) met to discuss, among other things, the need for a work plan and the value of a technical meeting to discuss the current and future status of wells R-28, R-42. In this meeting, the Designated Agency Manager for NMED stated that: (1) NMED was willing to discuss with EM-LA whether a work plan would actually be necessary; and (2) a technical meeting would be beneficial. EM-LA and NMED have agreed to have the technical meeting on June 3, 2021 to discuss the path forward. Therefore EM-LA is requesting a 30 day extension to submit the work plan in the event it is still required after the technical discussions scheduled on June 3, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Christian Maupin (505) 695-4281 (christian.maupin@em-la.doe.gov) or Cheryl Rodriguez at (505) 414-0450 (cheryl.rodriguez@em.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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