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**RE: APPROVAL
PHASE II INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN FOR POTRILLO AND FENCE CANYONS
AGGREGATE AREA
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-21-050**

Dear Mr. Duran:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) *Phase II Investigation Work Plan for Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area (IWP)*, dated and received September 21, 2021, referenced by EM2021-0341.

Previously, DOE had submitted the Supplemental Investigation Report (SIR) for Potrillo and Fence Canyons on September 30, 2015. NMED reviewed the SIR and provided comments to DOE on May 13, 2019. DOE's responses to NMED comments were submitted on June 7, 2019 and approved on June 10, 2019. NMED approved DOE's *Supplemental Investigation Report for Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area, Revision 1*, on October 16, 2020. Pre-submission meetings were held with NMED, DOE Environmental Management Field Office Los Alamos (EM-LA), and Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC on June 24, 2021, and August 19, 2021. All NMED's concerns have been addressed and NMED has no further comments at this time.

NMED has reviewed the document and hereby approves of the IWP. If you have any questions, please contact Mitchell Schatz at 505-690-5910.

Sincerely,

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