



April 21, 2022

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**RE: APPROVAL
AREA OF CONTAMINATION DESIGNATION FOR THE RETRIEVAL OF CORRUGATED METAL PIPES
AT SWMU 54-015(K), TECHNICAL AREA 54
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
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Dear Mr. Duran:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (DOE-EM) *Response to New Mexico Environment Department Request for Additional Information for Area of Contamination Designation for the Retrieval of Corrugated Metal Pipes at SWMU 54-015(k), Technical Area 54* (Response), dated April 12, 2022 and referenced by EMLA-2022-BF080-02-001.

On March 5, 2020, the DOE-EM submitted the *Request for Approval of Area of Contamination for the Retrieval of Corrugated Metal Pipes [Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU 54-015(k)) at Technical Area 54* (Request), referenced by EMLA-2020-1305-02-001. On March 23, 2020, NMED had a conference call with the DOE-EM and Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos (N3B) to discuss and provide comments on the Request.

On February 14, 2022, DOE-EM submitted *Revised Request for Approval of Area of Contamination for the Retrieval of Corrugated Metal Pipes [Solid Waste Management Unit 54-015(k)] at Technical Area 54* (Revised Request), referenced by EMLA-2022-BF046-02-001.

DOE is requesting approval of the area of contamination (AOC) designation to support retrieval of corrugated metal pipes (CMPs) buried at solid waste management unit (SWMU) 54-015(k) at Technical Area 54. The AOC will facilitate the retrieval of 158 transuranic/hazardous waste CMPs and overburden soils without creating a new point of generation or triggering land disposal restrictions or minimum technology requirements. It will allow for a compliant management of the potentially hazardous materials until a determination can be made that these materials are eligible to be returned to the excavated site.

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NMED has reviewed the Revised Request and the Response, and hereby issues an approval of Area of Contamination Designation, as requested. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Neelam Dhawan at (505) 476-6042 or by email at neelam.dhawan@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

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