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**Subject: Superseding Correspondence Submitted on July 5, 2022: Response to Notice of Violation, Los Alamos National Laboratory Underground Injection Control Wells, DP-1835**

Reference(s): 1. Letter N3B-2022-0250, T. Thomson and L. Bishop to J. Ball, "Response to Notice of Violation, Los Alamos National Laboratory Underground Injection Control Wells, DP-1835," dated July 5, 2022

Dear Mr. Ball:

On June 6, 2022, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office and Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC (collectively, the Permittees) received the "Notice of Violation, Los Alamos National Laboratory Underground Injection Control Wells, DP-1835" from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The Permittees responded to the notice on July 5, 2022 (Reference 1). This correspondence supersedes the response submitted on July 5, 2022.

The Permittees agree to submit an action plan (AP) to advance collaborative efforts to address NMED's concern regarding chromium concentrations in the plume. In developing the AP, the Permittees will continue to engage with NMED at senior management and technical staff levels to ensure the AP satisfies the objectives of both the Permittees and NMED for holistically addressing chromium contamination in the aquifer.

The Permittees respectfully request NMED's approval to submit the AP by September 30, 2022. This additional time will enable the Permittees to develop a robust AP, engage with NMED, consult with the Pueblo de San Ildefonso, and confer with Los Alamos County regarding the AP.

DOE is scheduled to present proposed actions to the Pueblo de San Ildefonso Tribal Council in mid-August. The Permittees will provide NMED with an update on the status of the AP after this presentation by August 31, 2022, including a list of potential proposed actions. After DOE completes this consultation with the Pueblo de San Ildefonso, the Permittees will submit the AP by the end of September, as discussed.

If you have questions, please contact Christian Maupin at (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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