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Subject: Request for Extension for Submittal of the Well Plugging Plan of Operations for RG-A0308 Regional Aquifer Well R-73

Reference(s): 1. Letter: New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, L. Garcia to C. Rodriguez and J. Sena, "OSE File No. RG-A0308 (R-73)," dated September 9, 2022

Dear Ms. Martinez:

The U.S. Department of Energy Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) and Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC (N3B) received the "OSE File No. RG-A0308 (R-73)" (Reference 1). This letter states that "it has been determined that the best plan of action moving forward with well R-73 is for plugging and abandonment." EM-LA and N3B plan on submitting a WD-08 Well Plugging Plan of Operations for plugging and abandonment (P&A) of the well in accordance with New Mexico Code R. 19.27.4.30 "Well Drilling – Non-Artesian (Unconfined) Well Requirements," part C "Well Plugging."

On September 15, 2022, New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE), District Manager Ms. Ramona Martinez and EM-LA, Soil and Water Remediation Federal Cleanup Director Ms. Cheryl Rodriguez, discussed an extension for submittal of the P&A plan requested by NMOSE. EM-LA and NMOSE agreed to an extension for submittal of the requested plan and associated data to close of business on September 22, 2022. The additional time is required to provide technical review and verification of data.

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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