



March 23, 2023

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RE: REVIEW
QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT FOR WESTBAY WELL R-25 PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT
ACTIVITIES, AUGUST 18 – NOVEMBER 8, 2022 (NOVEMBER 2022)
QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT FOR WESTBAY WELL R-25 PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT
ACTIVITIES, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 – FEBRUARY 7, 2023 (FEBRUARY 2023)
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL)
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-22-091 and HWB-LANL-23-013

Dear Mr. Duran:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) *Quarterly Status Report for Westbay Well R-25 Plugging and Abandonment activities, August 18 – November 8, 2022* (Report), dated November 29, 2022 and referenced by EM2022- 0831. The Report was received by NMED on November 29, 2022.

NMED has also received the DOE's *Quarterly Status Report for Westbay Well R-25 Plugging and Abandonment activities, November 9, 2022 – February 7, 2023* (Report), dated February 28, 2022 and referenced by EM2023-0101. The Report was received by NMED on February 28, 2023.

NMED acknowledges the completion of plugging & abandonment activities. Therefore, NMED no longer needs quarterly & monthly status updates and now requests that a final report for R-25 plugging & abandonment activities be submitted. Please include along with the final report:

- NMOSE well P&A documents,
- Video log collected during P&A activities in December 2022 & January 2023, and
- Field notes from drilling contractors and on-site personnel relating to P&A activities.

NMED notes that these are quarterly status reports and this review does not constitute approval of the reference documents and content of the Reports.

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Michael Petersen of my staff at (505) 690-5107.

Sincerely,

**Rick
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