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RE: APPROVAL

INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR LOWER WATER/INDIO CANYONS AGGREGATE AREA LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, REVISION 1

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Dear Arturo Duran:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) *Investigation Report for Lower Water/Indio Canyons Aggregate Area, Revision* 1 (IR) dated and received on May 12, 2023, and referenced by EM2023-0182.

The initial *Investigation Report for Lower Water/Indio Canyons Aggregate Area* (IR) was submitted on September 30, 2021, and referenced by EM2021-0344. NMED reviewed the IR and provided draft comments on May 13, 2022. DOE submitted the responses to NMED's comments on November 8, 2022. Comments and responses were reviewed and accepted and delivered to DOE, via email, on February 6, 2023. On May 12, 2023, NMED received Revision 1 of the IR, with a redline strikeout version included in the submittal. NMED has reviewed the revised IR and acknowledges that the comments and responses have been adequately addressed in the revised IR.

The IR was submitted to fulfill a Milestone in Fiscal Year 2021 of Appendix B of the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent. NMED hereby issues approval of the Investigation Report for Lower Water/Indio Canyons Aggregate Area, Revision 1.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mitchell Schatz at (505) 690-5910.

Sincerely,

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