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**RE: CERTIFICATION OF MILESTONE VALIDATION  
FISCAL YEAR 2023 APPENDIX B MILESTONE #3, LETTER REPORT DOCUMENTING START OF THE  
DRILLING OF REGIONAL AQUIFER MONITORING WELL R-76  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL)  
EPA ID #NM0890010515**

Dear Mr. Duran:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) *Letter Report Documenting Start of the Drilling of Regional Aquifer Monitoring Well R-76* (Letter Report) dated and received by NMED on September 21, 2023.

NMED issues this written certification that the Letter Report fulfills the milestone validation for fiscal year 2023 milestone #3 of the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent Appendix B. NMED is anticipating receipt of the letter report documenting completion of regional aquifer monitoring well R-76 and the collection of first samples on April 30, 2024.

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Caitlin Martinez at (505) 690-4742.

Sincerely,

**Rick Shean**

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