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November 2, 2023

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**RE:    PROGRESS REPORT FOR PHASE II INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR POTRILLO AND FENCE  
          CANYONS AGGREGATE AREA  
          LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
          EPA IS #NM0890010515  
          LANL-23-068**

Dear Mr. Duran,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) *Progress Report for Phase II Investigation Report for Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area* (Progress Report) dated and received September 25, 2023, and referenced by EM2023-0426.

The Progress Report was submitted to fulfill the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order) requirement for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Milestone #9 of Appendix B, under the Southern External Boundary Campaign. The Progress Report summarizes the field investigations conducted by the DOE Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) and Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC (N3B), in accordance with the approved Phase II Investigation Work Plan. Sampling was completed at four of the nine proposed Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs), 15-004(b), 15-004(c), 15-009(e), and 36-003(b).

Fieldwork will continue for Potrillo and Fence Canyons Aggregate Area in FY 2024 to complete the implementation of the approved Phase II Investigation Work Plan. NMED expects that the investigation of all nine sites will be completed and the Phase II IR will be submitted by the date specified in the finalized FY 2024 Appendix B.

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

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Sincerely,

**Rick Shean**

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