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Subject: Request to Submit Semiannual Progress Reports for the 260 Outfall at Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, request approval from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to replace the monthly progress reports for the Corrective Measures Evaluation/Corrective Measures Implementation for Consolidated Unit 16-021(c)-99 (i.e., the Technical Area 16 [TA-16] 260 Outfall) with semiannual progress reports. Submittal of monthly progress reports is required by the corrective measures implementation (CMI) plan for the 260 Outfall (LA-UR-07-2019, EP2007-0185), approved by NMED in August 2007. Based on the current status of the CMI, less frequent reporting of project status is appropriate. This reduction in report submittals will reduce administrative burdens for NMED and DOE/LANS without changing the amount of data provided to NMED.

The 260 Outfall monthly progress report for September 2011 was submitted to NMED in October 2011 and included relevant information collected during the 2011 summer monsoon season. The October 2011 report serves as the first of two submittals for fiscal year 2012. DOE/LANS propose to submit the second report for fiscal year 2012 in April 2012 because it would be after spring snowmelt.

If you have any questions, please contact Jarrett Rice at (505) 665-3874 (wjrice@lanl.gov) or Peter Maggiore at (505) 665-5658 (peter.maggiore@nnsa.doe.gov).

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