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RE: APPROVAL SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN FOR TECHNICAL AREA 57 AGGREGATE AREA (FENTON HILL) LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID#NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-17-042

Dear Messrs. Hintze and Robinson:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Supplemental Investigation Work Plan for Technical Area 57 Aggregate Area (Fenton Hill)* (work plan), dated June 22, 2017 and referenced by LA-UR-17-24144/EP2017-0064.

The work plan proposes investigation activities to define nature and extent of contamination at five areas of concern (AOCs) within the Technical Area (TA) 57 Aggregate Area (Fenton Hill). In accordance with Section XXIII of the 2016 *Compliance Order on Consent* (Consent Order), a pre-submission meeting was held between NMED and the Permittee's on May 9, 2017. A draft version of the work plan was submitted on May 26, 2017. NMED comments and concerns on the content and technical approach presented in the draft document were resolved by the Permittees and are reflected in the final work plan. NMED has reviewed the Permittees' work plan and hereby issues this Approval.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Robert Murphy of my staff at 505-476-6022.

Sincerely,

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