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**RE: APPROVAL  
CLOSURE CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR TEMPORARY WASTE TREATMENT, STORAGE,  
AND REPACKAGING UNIT TO THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY HAZARDOUS  
WASTE FACILITY PERMIT  
EPA ID#NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-26-006**

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Dear Theodore Wyka and Steven Coleman:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Triad National Security, LLC (Triad) (collectively, the Permittees) *Closure Certification Report for Temporary Waste Treatment, Storage, and Repackaging Unit to the Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazardous Waste Facility Permit EPA ID #NM0890010515* (Closure Certification Report) dated and received on February 13, 2026, and as referenced by EPC-DO-26-021/LA-UR-26-20611.

**Regulation History**

On September 4, 2025, NMED approved of a Temporary Authorization Request to allow temporary storage in Technical Area (TA) 16, Building 205, also known as the Weapons Engineering Tritium Facility (WETF). The WETF was used to store four (4) Flanged Tritium Waste Containers (FTWCs) prior to shipment and disposal to Waste Control Specialists in Andrews, Texas. The four (4) FTWCs containers were originally generated in 2007 and contained mixed low level waste due to the presence of tritium lead squibs (D008). The Permittees depressurized the containers at TA-54 prior to shipment and were stored at WETF from October 5 through November 14, 2025.

On November 17, 2025, the Permittees collected six (6) verification wipe samples from the

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walls and floor with from room 122, and two (2) wipe verification samples were collected from room 116. The verification samples were analyzed for lead (D008), but no tritium samples were collected. The report results ranged from 0.228 µg/wipe to 1.03 µg/wipe but were all below the detection limit.

Based on the information provided for TA-16 Building 205 (WETF), the site does not pose an unacceptable risk to the environment or to human health under the residential, industrial, and construction worker land use scenarios. While NMED does not regulate the radioactive portion of the waste, NMED notes that the contamination from the radioactive portion of waste (tritium) was not sampled and as such the risk is not known. The proposed future land use is industrial, and the site remains in active operation. The site is located within the access restricted fenced portion of the laboratory due to active facility operations at TA-16. NMED hereby approves the Closure Certification Report for TA-16 205 (WETF) and finds that the site meets the clean closure standards outlined in the closure plan.

NMED may require additional investigations and/or corrective actions if new information becomes available that indicates TA-16 205 (WETF) may pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Siona Briley at (505) 690-5160.

Sincerely,

**JohnDavid Nance**

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Good morning,  
Please see attached approval letter.

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