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RE: SCHEDULE FOR DISPOSITION OF BELOW-GROUND TRANSURANIC WASTE REQUIRING RETRIEVAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID#NM0890018

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Mousseau:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Submittal of the Schedule for Disposition of Below-Ground Transuranic Waste Requiring Retrieval* (Plan Schedule) dated December 10, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0288. The document contains an Attachment, referenced by LA-UR-12-26765, containing the schedule, pacing milestones, assumptions and a table containing waste volumes, types and method of storage (e.g., shaft, trench).

NMED recognizes this planning exercise requires certain assumptions to be incorporated into this document in order to produce a meaningful result. However, Assumption 5, which states, "The schedule and pacing milestones set out above, assume NMED approval of a Corrective Measures Evaluation and Corrective Measures Implementation Plan for Material Disposal Area G that is consistent with the commitments set forth in this deliverable," appears to establish a link between the Plan Schedule and the March 1, 2005 Consent Order (Consent Order).



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NMED wishes to be very clear in this matter: there is no link between this deliverable, which is provided under the Framework Agreement, and the Consent Order. NMED's review and presumptive approval of a CME and CMI Plan for MDA G will be conducted pursuant to the Consent Order at an appropriate point in the future. However, the Plan Schedule submittal does satisfy the Permittees commitment to provide a schedule for the removal of below-ground transuranic waste in Item 1.d of the Framework Agreement.

Please contact me at (505) 827-2855 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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