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**RE: 2017 BIENNIAL ASPHALT MONITORING AND REMOVAL REPORT FOR
AREA OF CONCERN C-00-041, GUAJE/BARRANCAS/RENDIJA CANYONS
AGGREGATE AREA, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-17-073**

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, LLC (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *2017 Biennial Asphalt Monitoring and Removal for Area of Concern C-00-041 Guaje/Barrancas/Rendija Canyons Aggregate Area* (Report) dated and received December 13, 2017, and referenced by LA-UR-17-30852/EP2017-0147.

Biennial asphalt monitoring and removal activities were conducted at AOC C-00-041 on October 19, 2017 as required by the NMED approved 2008 *Asphalt Monitoring and Removal Plan for Area of Concern C-00-041 Guaje/Barrancas/Rendija Canyons Aggregate Area* (Plan). The Permittees inspected the site to identify and collect remnants of asphalt and tar exposed by runoff or erosion since the 2015 monitoring and removal activities. The Permittees report that in 2017 a total of 780 lbs. of asphalt debris was removed from AOC-C-00-041 and transferred to the Los Alamos County Eco-Station for recycling. The amount of asphalt debris removed from the site in 2017 represents approximately 25% of the amount removed in 2009. Based on this information, the Department of Energy-Environmental Management (DOE-EM) has recommended

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reevaluating the need to continue the biennial inspection and removal activities through discussions between NMED, DOE-EM, and the U.S. Forest Service and Los Alamos County property owners. NMED has reviewed the Report and agrees that reevaluation of the work conducted under the Plan is appropriate at this time. However, pending reevaluation, the Permittees must continue to comply with the Plan which requires the next inspection to be completed in early fall of 2019 and a monitoring report submitted by **December 31, 2019**.

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

Sincerely,



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