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RE: APPROVAL SCREENING-LEVEL ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT METHODS, REVISION 5.1 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID#NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-17-061

Dear Messrs. Hintze and Robinson:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy and the Los Alamos National Security, LLC (collectively, the Permittees) *Screening-Level Ecological Risk Assessment Methods, Revision 5.1* (SLERA Rev 5.1) dated April 2018 and referenced by LA-UR-18-22418/EP2018-0053. NMED received SLERA Rev 5.1 on March 28, 2018.

NMED had formerly received the Permittees submittal, *Screening-Level Ecological Risk Assessment Methods, Revision 5* on September 29, 2017. In accordance with the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent, NMED and the Permittees held informal discussions to address NMED's technical review comments dated January 19, 2018. The Permittees submitted proposed revisions to NMED on March 5, 2018 and March 15, 2018. The Permittees have incorporated NMED's comments in a revised document, SLERA Rev 5.1. Messrs. Hintze and Robinson April 10, 2018 Page 2

NMED hereby approves SLERA Rev 5.1. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Robert Murphy of my staff at 505-476-6022.

Sincerely, John Kieling

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