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Dear Mr. Pierard:

Subject: Middle DP Road Recovery Effort, Potentially Hazardous Debris Discovered in Los Alamos County

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Los Alamos Field Office (NA-LA) and the Office of Environmental Management (EM-LA) are providing this written notification of potentially hazardous debris and radiological contamination discovered February 14, 2020 on Los Alamos County property on DP Road. Verbal notifications were previously made on February 20 and 24, 2020. As provided in those notifications, Los Alamos County utility workers encountered debris and materials while excavating a utility trench, which is near former material disposal areas (MDAs) on land conveyed from DOE to Los Alamos County in 2018.

Subsequently, the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Emergency Operations Center was activated and DOE deployed a Radiological Assistance Program (RAP) Team. The RAP Team conducted additional assessments of the area. The area has since been posted, covered with visqueen and tarps, and access is controlled.

We are currently investigating and characterizing the waste located at the site to determine the extent of contamination. In addition, waste material was placed into three drums and moved to Technical Area 21 for additional characterization.

We are in receipt of NMED's Request for Information and are working on our response. If you have any questions you may contact the undersigned at (505) 667-5105.

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