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Ms. Menise S. Manzanares, Chair
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Dear Ms. Manzanares:

This letter responds to the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board's (NNMCAB) Recommendation 2000-1, which was adopted on February 28, 2000. Recommendation 2000-1 pertains to the Long-Term Stewardship (LTS) Study being developed as a condition of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) settlement. The recommendation offers five specific comments on the scope and content of the PEIS study.

The NNMCAB's comments have been forwarded to the Department of Energy's Environmental Management Office of Long-Term Stewardship (EM-51). EM-51 is responsible for developing the PEIS study. Although the official comment period for scoping the study expired on February 3, 2000, Mr. Steve Livingstone of EM-51 has reassured us that your comments will be taken into consideration and addressed in the study to the extent practicable. Mr. Livingstone has also informed us that the draft LTS Study will be available for public comment in June 2000. I encourage the NNMCAB to review and comment on the draft study to ensure your concerns have been adequately addressed. After receiving public comments, EM-51 will prepare a final LTS Study for release to the public by October 2000. EM-51 has offered to brief the NNMCAB on the latest LTS efforts and discuss LTS issues if requested.

Deborah Griswold of the Environmental Restoration Division is the lead point of contact at the DOE Albuquerque Operations Office for the PEIS Study. If you have questions on this topic, she can be contacted at (505) 845-4752. You may also call me at (505) 667-5105.

Sincerely,

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