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Dear Ms. Espinosa:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to construct two high explosive wastewater treatment facilities and a piping system to transfer effluents from existing building sumps to the treatment facilities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. In accordance with DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) policy, I am notifying you that an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared for this project. Furthermore, the state of New Mexico will be given the opportunity to review and comment on this EA prior to any DOE decision to approve it. A brief description of the project is provided below.

DOE proposes to construct two high explosive wastewater treatment facilities: a 1300 square foot central wastewater treatment plant at Technical Area 16, a 400 square foot treatment plant at Technical Area 9, and a piping system to transfer effluents from existing building sumps to the treatment facilities. The main treatment plant will include a control room, a carbon storage room, a garage, and a restroom in addition to the treatment equipment room. The smaller treatment plant will consist of a stripping area, a treatment equipment room, and a sump. A new gravity collection system will transport the wastewater from existing building sumps to the plants. Collection lines would be double-walled pipe with leak detection devices.



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If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please contact
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Sincerely,



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