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SUBJECT: Response to Notification of Release ID# 2018-456, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Dear Ms. Pugh and Mr. Roberts:

On February 16, 2018, a representative of Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) verbally reported an unauthorized discharge to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) as required under 20.6.2.1203 NMAC of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations. The report identified a discharge of sanitary wastewater from a sanitary wastewater pumping truck, at TA-3-1441, due to a truck valve malfunction (Release ID# 2018-456). The incident resulted in a release of less than 10 gallons of sanitary wastewater to a parking lot at TA-3-1441. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) reportedly stopped the sanitary wastewater discharge upon discovery, disinfected the impacted area with a 10 percent bleach solution, and repaired the truck valve.

Based on information submitted by LANS, corrective action for this unauthorized discharge has been completed in a manner that is satisfactory to the GWQB. No further action is required at this time for release ID# 2018-456.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed as relieving the United States Department of Energy or LANS of the obligation to comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, permits, or orders.

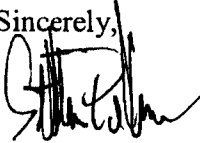
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If you have any questions, please contact either Gerald Knutson at (505) 827-2996 or me at (505) 827-2962.

Sincerely,



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