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SUBJECT: Response to Notification of Release ID# 2019-476, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Dear Ms. Pugh and Mr. Torres:

On March 1, 2019, a representative of Triad National Security, LLC (Triad) 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. NMED received a written report regarding the discharge from the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) on March 7, 2019. The reports identified a discharge on February 28, 2019, of sanitary wastewater from a clean-out located north of Technical Area 3 Structure 510. The discharge was caused by a blockage in a wastewater line (Release ID# 2019-476). The incident resulted in a release of approximately 75 gallons of sanitary wastewater onto the surrounding parking lot and into a nearby storm drain. Upon discovery, LANL utility crews reportedly removed residual wastewater from the parking lot and the storm drain, disinfected the impacted area with a 10 percent bleach solution, removed the blockage from the wastewater line and returned the system to normal operation. The release did not reach a watercourse.

Based on information submitted by Triad, corrective actions 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# 2019-476.



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

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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