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SUBJECT: Response to Notification of Release ID# 2019-482, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Dear Ms. Pugh and Mr. Torres:

On July 9, 2019, a representative of Triad National Security, LLC verbally reported an unauthorized discharge at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) 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. Additionally, NMED received an associated written report from LANL on July 16, 2019. The reports identify a discharge on July 9, 2019, of sanitary wastewater near a lift station (Technical Area 18 Structure 261) caused by a broken wastewater line (Release ID# 2019-482). The incident resulted in a release of approximately 5,000 gallons of sanitary wastewater that flowed onto the surrounding roadway and into the Pajarito Canyon watercourse. Upon discovery of the release, LANL utility crews reportedly isolated the lift station and pumped down the sanitary wastewater to stop the discharge, they removed residual wastewater accessible by the pumper truck, and then disinfected the impacted area with a 10% bleach solution outside of the watercourse. Repairs to the wastewater line have been completed and the line has been returned to service. The release did not cause erosion or adverse impacts in the Pajarito Canyon watercourse.


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Based on information submitted by Triad National Security, LLC, 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# 2019-482.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed as relieving the United States Department of Energy or Triad National Security, LLC 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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