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July 24, 2015

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RE: Response to Notice of Intent to Discharge; Discharge Permit Not Required for a Dechlorinated Potable Water Discharge from the Fire Protection Tanks at Technical Area (TA) 55, Structure 12 and Structure 14, AI:856 (PRD20150004)

Dear Mr. Grieggs:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a Notice of Intent on July 1, 2015 for a discharge of approximately 150,000 gallons of dechlorinated potable water from TA-55-12 and approximately 150,000 gallons of dechlorinated potable water from TA-55-14. The discharge is being conducted to facilitate tank refurbishment and repairs. The notice satisfies the requirements of Subsection A of 20.6.2.1201 NMAC of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations (20.6.2 NMAC). The proposed discharge is located in TA-55-12 at 35° 51' 47.64" North, -106° 18'03.30" West and in TA-55-14 at 35° 51' 50.11" North, -106° 18'14.56" West, approximately 1.35 miles southeast of Los Alamos in Section 22, T19N, R06E, Los Alamos County.

Based on the information provided in the NOI, NMED has determined that a Discharge Permit is not required as long as the discharge is as described. A Discharge Permit is not required at this time because the information provided indicates it is unlikely that the discharge will adversely affect ground water quality.

However, because the information provided indicates that the discharge may occur to a watercourse, you are encouraged to contact NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau at (505) 827-2795 and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas at (214) 665-3152 to determine whether your discharge may require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) permit.

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Although a Discharge Permit is not being required for this discharge at this time, you are not relieved of liability should this operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters. Further, this decision by NMED does not relieve you of your responsibility to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, zoning requirements, plumbing codes, and nuisance ordinances.

If at some time in the future you intend to change the amount, character, or location of your discharge, or if observation or monitoring shows that the discharge is not as described in your Notice of Intent, you must file a revised Notice of Intent with the Ground Water Quality Bureau.

If you have any questions, please contact either Gerald Knutson at (505) 827-2996 or Steven Huddleson, Program Manager, at (505) 827-2936.

Sincerely,



Michelle Hunter, Acting Chief
Ground Water Quality Bureau

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enc: Notice of Intent received July 1, 2015

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