Mr. Will Moats:

On behalf of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority), I’d like to submit the comments below regarding the Mixed Waste Landfill Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (LTMMP) made available for public comment on September 14, 2012. In general, the Water Authority would like the LTMMP to include more direct reporting to local agencies, including but not limited to the Water Authority - Water Resources, Planning and Engineering Division; Bernalillo County Public Works Department – Water Resources Section; and the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department. These local agencies deal with water quality protection activities on a day-to-day basis and should be included as stakeholders in the long-term stewardship of this site.

1. Section 4.8: Request that required elements for reporting as outlined in this section be provided to the City, County and Water Authority agencies listed above for regular review and opportunity for input as stakeholders to the DOE ERO staff, their contractor, and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). This will provide local agencies the ability to make informed decisions and advice to their elected and senior leadership with regards to the MWL, as well as to the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Protection Advisory Board (WPAB), another local body providing advice to elected officials on water quality matters.

2. Section 4.8.2 – Five-Year Reevaluation Report: Request that the LTMMP specifically state that the draft version of the report will be directly provided to the City/County/Water Authority and input and concerns by local agencies will be addressed and incorporated within the final report.

3. Section 5.1 – Trigger Evaluation Process: Local agencies should contacted within the trigger evaluation process. Request that a discussion/subsection be added to describe the process for notifying local agencies of trigger evaluations.

4. Section 7 – Contingency Procedures: Request that local agencies identified above be included with the notification procedures provided in the scenarios at the same time NMED is notified.

Sincerely,

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