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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 15, 2019

Dr. Kerry Howe
Chair, Water Protection Advisory Board
P.O. Box 568
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

**RE: ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY
WATER PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR THE SANDIA
NATIONAL LABORATORIES
MIXED WASTE LANDFILL FIVE-YEAR REVIEW REPORT
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
HWB-SNL-19-001**

Dear Dr. Howe:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Protection Advisory Board (Board) request for a meeting regarding the Sandia National Laboratories Mixed Waste Landfill (MWL) 5-year Report. The request was received on June 21, 2019 during the public comment period mandated by the Secretary's Final Order on the corrective measures for the MWL dated May 26, 2005. The request for a meeting also included a request to extend the comment period to accommodate the Board's public meeting schedule.

The MWL 5-Year Report (Report) was received by the NMED on January 4, 2019. The Report provides a summary of monitoring data and an evaluation of the performance of the current remedy as well as an update to the cost of implementation of the current remedy and the cost and risks related to implementing alternate remedies. The Report was posted on NMED's Hazardous Waste Bureau website during the week of January 7, 2019. Copies of the Report also were made available for review on the Sandia National Laboratories website and at the

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Sandia National Laboratories information repository located at Zimmerman Library on the University New Mexico campus in Albuquerque, New Mexico and are available for review at the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau offices in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The May 26, 2005 Final Order states that "NMED shall provide a process whereby members of the public may comment on the report and its conclusions, and shall respond to those comments in its final approval of the report." In accordance with the Final Order, the NMED issued a public notice announcing a 60-day public comment period for the MWL 5-Year Report on May 24, 2019 and will consider all comments received during the public comment period. The NMED will respond to all significant written comments received as specified in its May 24, 2019 public notice upon approval of the Report as required by the Final Order issued on May 26, 2005.

The NMED welcomes any comments and questions submitted by the Board on the MWL 5-year Report. As stated above, NMED will provide responses to written comments or questions received during the comment period including those submitted by the Board.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Kieling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke.

John E. Kieling
Chief
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cc: D. Cobrain, NMED HWB
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