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Dear Ms. Gelles,

I am pleased to enclose Recommendation 2015-04, unanimously approved by the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board at its May 20, 2015 Board Meeting at Sandia Resort in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Please call Lee Bishop, Co-DDFO, Michael Gardipe, Co-DDFO, or Menice Santistevan, Executive Director, if you have questions regarding this recommendation. We look forward to the response from the Department of Energy.

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Sayre
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NORTHERN NEW MEXICO CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD
Recommendation to the Department of Energy
No. 2015-04
Title: Fiscal Year 2017 Project Prioritization
Drafted by: NNMCAB

Background

The Order of Consent (CO) was signed on March 1, 2005, by the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).(1) In this document, LANL agreed to a schedule for completion of cleanup at various sites on the LANL grounds by December 15, 2015. Since then, LANL has worked diligently to meet the deadlines and milestones established in the CO. For various reasons, there is cleanup work that will not be completed by that deadline. A revised schedule will need to be established for completing the work that will not be completed by the December 2015 deadline.

The Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB) was asked by DOE to provide input on prioritization of projects for the Fiscal Year 2017 budget year. This recommendation is in line with that request.

Comments and Observations

The New Mexico Environment Department has granted several extensions on clean up milestones that are included in the CO; however, there are several efforts (campaigns) that will run well past the December 2015 deadline. This recommendation is the NNMCAB's effort at addressing what it has determined LANL should focus cleanup efforts on in FY 2017.

Recommendation

The NNMCAB recommends that DOE/LANL address the following projects listed in order of priority, in the Fiscal Year 2017 budget cycle:

1. Aggregate Area Prioritized Soil Cleanups.
2. Aggregate Area Supplemental Investigation Reports (Phase II)
3. Upper Los Alamos Canyon Cleanup.
4. MDA L Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE)
5. TA-21 Building 257 Decontamination and Stability Operations
6. Initial Aggregate Area Soil Investigations (Phase I)

Intent

It is the intent of the of this recommendation that the NNMCAB have input into developing the budget priorities for FY 2017, in order to assist in the completion of clean up scope on the CO requirements.

1 **References**

- 2 1. Compliance Order on Consent, signed March 1, 2005
- 3 2. EM-LA Presentation to NNMCAB on April 8, 2015 “FY17 Cleanup Activities for NNMCAB
- 4 Prioritization”
- 5 3. Recommendation 2015-02 “Budget Priorities for FY 2016 for LANL EM Cleanup Work”