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Mr. Ralph L. Phelps, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Phelps:

Subject: Department of Energy response to Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation No. 2011-02 "Accelerating TRU Waste Shipments from Area G to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant"

The Los Alamos Site Office thanks the Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board (NNMCAB) for its detailed analysis of the number of shipments needed to remove transuranic (TRU) waste from Area G by 2015. LASO also thanks the NNMCAB for its continued support of funding for these activities.

The Los Alamos Site Office believes the items in Recommendation No. 2011-02 have been addressed by the Framework Agreement between the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration and the New Mexico Environment Department, which was issued in January 2012.

The Agreement prioritizes environmental cleanup activities and makes the accelerated removal of 3,706 cubic meters of above-ground TRU waste from Area G by June 30, 2014 a top priority along with protection of groundwater and surface water resources.

As of the date of this response, the Los Alamos National Laboratory is ahead of its fiscal year 2012 schedule for shipments of TRU waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and intends to continue its ramp-up of activities to comply with the Framework Agreement deadline.

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Enclosure  
Recommendation No. 2011-02

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