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Mr. Douglas Sayre
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Dear Mr. Sayre:

Reference:

1. NNM CAB letter to D. Hintze, EM-LA, from D. Sayre, NNM CAB, Subject:
"Recommendation No. 2016-03, Order on Consent," dated May 10, 2016

Thank you for submitting Recommendation No. 2016-03, "Order on Consent" to our office for consideration. The recommendation and comments provided on the draft Order on Consent were valuable tools to the Department of Energy (DOE) in its discussion of the final Order on Consent with the State of New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).

DOE's Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) acknowledges the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board's (NNM CAB) numerous recommendations to improve the document, and although several comments could not be incorporated into the document, please be assured that DOE carefully considered each comment while meeting on the final Consent Order. As such, DOE is available upon request to brief the NNM CAB to go through the specific comment resolution for the comments received from the NNM CAB. One item in particular, the recommendation to develop a lifecycle baseline that closely correlates with the Order on Consent, is currently underway. The life cycle baseline is anticipated to be approved in the near future and we plan to present it at the July 27 meeting.

The board's continued engagement in EM-LA work is extremely valuable and this recommendation helped DOE improve the Consent Order as reflected in its final form.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding the response to this recommendation, please contact Michael Gardipe at (505) 606-1962 or M. Lee Bishop at (505) 606-1804.

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