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Mr. Kevin Pierard, Chief
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New Mexico Environment Department
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
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Subject: Implementation of Contingency Plan Scenario 1: No Reissuance of the Current Temporary Authorization

Reference: CBFO letter CBFO:OEP:MRB:MC:20-0276:UFC 5486.00 from Reinhard Knerr, Manager, Carlsbad Field Office, and Sean Dunagan, President and Project Manager, Nuclear Waste Partnership, to Kevin Pierard, Chief, Hazardous Waste Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department; Subject: Response to Information Request Regarding Schedule and Work Stoppages for the Excavation of Shaft #5, dated October 16, 2020

Dear Mr. Pierard:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that on November 3, 2020, the Permittees implemented Contingency Plan Scenario 1 of the above-referenced letter. The Permittees have taken this action in order to prevent the development of conditions in the excavation that could pose a threat to the future safety of workers and compromise the integrity of the existing installation. Specifically, the Permittees have initiated work to complete the liner/plenum/ductwork installation and to remove water that has accumulated in the bottom of the excavation. This letter is a follow-up to the November 3, 2020 call with the NMED.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael R. Brown at (575) 706-0072.

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Sincerely,

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