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Dear Mr. Sayre:

References:

1. NNM CAB letter to D. Hintze, EM-LA, from D. Sayre, NNM CAB, Subject:
"Recommendation No. 2016-02, Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Priorities," dated April 4, 2016

Thank you for submitting Recommendation No. 2016-02, "Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Priorities" to our office for consideration in planning future work.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) acknowledges the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board's (NNMCAB) recommendation for budget priorities for its ongoing mission of cleanup at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

The priorities of the NNM CAB are helpful for our office to understand the needs of the northern New Mexico communities represented on the NNM CAB and will assist us in further planning our work. We share your concern for the protection of public health and safety as the top priority as we plan future work. We are hopeful to make significant progress in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 on several of the priorities outlined in your recommendation (i.e., seeking a solution to the stored transuranic waste at Waste Control Specialists), and will consider your priorities for the remaining work accordingly. The board's engagement in EM-LA work is helpful and this recommendation will be utilized in development of the FY 2018 budget. As in previous years, DOE will provide a timely briefing to the NNM CAB on the current fiscal year budget priorities when they are finalized with a comparison of those priorities against the NNM CAB's previous recommendations.

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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