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Mr. Doug Hintze, Manager
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Dear Mr. Hintze,

I am pleased to enclose Recommendation 2016-02, which was unanimously approved by the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board during its meeting on March 30, 2016.

Please contact me 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. 2016-02

Title: Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Priorities

Drafted by: Carlos Valdez

Background

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) entered into a Compliance Order on Consent on March 1, 2005. In this Consent Order (CO), was a blueprint of clean-up activities that needed to be accomplished in and around Los Alamos, as it relates to legacy waste. The Environmental Management (EM) has worked diligently to meet milestones in the CO. However, due to several circumstances beyond the control of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) EM, several clean-up activities remain, and were not completed by deadlines established in the original CO. Some of the reasons, but definitely not all-inclusive include: insufficient funding, operating under Continuing Resolution, Budget Sequestration, and the discovery of unanticipated clean-up areas not included in the CO. DOE and NMED are currently working on establishing a new CO for the remaining clean-up work in and around Los Alamos.

Comments and Observations

The Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB) has been given the opportunity, on a yearly basis, to participate in the development of top clean-up priorities for EM-LA. This recommendation is in line with that opportunity and responsibility. The NNMCAB has reviewed clean-up priorities presented on November 12, 2015, and on January 27, 2016, and have determined the following as our input into top clean-up priorities for FY 2018. Public health and safety are our highest priority, therefore, we are hopeful that Congress appropriates full base-line funding necessary for these clean-up efforts. Furthermore, it is our recommendation the following recommendations should be completed concurrently.

Recommendation

1. The DOE, EM-LA should concentrate efforts on resuming and completing the chromium and perchlorate ground water contamination removal as a top priority in 2018.
2. The DOE, EM-LA should maintain safe storage of remediated and un-remediated nitrate salt bearing waste located at TA-54 and at Waste Control Specialists (WCS).
3. The DOE, EM-LA should begin the process of repackaging and prepare to ship all above ground as well as below ground TRU waste.
4. The DOE, EM-LA should concentrate efforts on ground water and surface water remediation, monitoring and reporting in FY 2018 including Royal Demolition Explosives (RDX), chromium and perchlorate plume.
5. The DOE, EM-LA should begin investigations, remediation and reporting of (RDX) in FY 2018.
6. The DOE, EM-LA should seek resolution to Los Alamos waste stored at WCS.
7. The DOE, EM-LA should complete remediation efforts at TA-21 and transfer property back to Los Alamos County.

1 **Intent**

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3 It is the intent of this recommendation that the NNMCAB have input into developing the budget
4 priorities for the FY 2018, in order to assist in the completion of legacy clean-up work to be included in
5 the newly established Order on Consent. It is also intended to maximize time and effort and taxpayer
6 dollars.

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8 **References**

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