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VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 12, 2025

Michael Gerle
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Rick Chavez
Director
Los Alamos Technical Associates, Inc.
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**RE: RESOLUTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE ORDER ISSUED AUGUST 20, 2024 TO
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
TULAROSA BASIN RANGE SERVICES, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS
SALADO ISOLATION MINING CONTRACTORS, LLC.
EPA ID# NM4890139088**

Dear Mr. Gerle and Mr. Chavez:

On April 17, 2023, the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") conducted a hazardous waste Compliance Evaluation Inspection ("Inspection") at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant ("WIPP"), located at 34 Louis Whitlock Road, Carlsbad, New Mexico ("Facility"). Based on the Inspection and review of information obtained NMED issued an Administrative Compliance Order ("ACO") dated August 20, 2024. NMED and WIPP agreed to resolve the ACO pursuant to terms set forth in a Stipulated Final Order ("SFO"), which was executed on February 25, 2025. Enclosed is a copy of the signed SFO. As of the date of this letter, WIPP has taken all corrective actions and paid the civil penalties described in the SFO. Any actions taken in response to the August 20, 2024 ACO and February 25, 2025 SFO do not relieve your facility of the obligation to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Hazardous Waste CTAP Program Manager Aaron Coffman by phone 505-690-5211 or email at aaron.coffman@env.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

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Chief

Resource Protection Compliance and Enforcement Bureau

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