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If you have any questions regarding this letter or the NRC staff review, please contact the NRC Project Manager for the Shiprock site, Ken Hooks, at (301) 415-7777 or by email at [KRH1@NRC.GOV](mailto:KRH1@NRC.GOV).

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