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RE: NRC IMPEP Review of New Mexico Radioactive Materials Program

Dear Mr. DeCicco:

In response to your letter dated July 24, 2013, we propose no revisions to the Draft IMPEP Report for the New Mexico Agreement State Program. Overall, the report appears to accurately describe the current program capabilities as they relate to the U.S. NRC and New Mexico Agreement.

We appreciate the depth of the assessment conducted by the IMPEP review team as well as the suggestions provided by each team member. The areas of suggested improvement in the Draft IMPEP Report will be carefully addressed by our staff in the next few months to ensure that we continue to protect public health and safety in New Mexico. As new staff is added to the program we will increase our efforts on the common performance indicators, while focusing on improvement to Technical Staffing and Training.

Thank you for your leadership in the development of a very fair assessment of the New Mexico Radiation Protection Program. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this correspondence at (505) 827-2855.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Butch Tongate".

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Deputy Secretary

cc: Michael Vonderheide, EPD Director
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