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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management Response to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission February 6, 2020 Assessment of DOE Responses to Request for Additional Information on Draft Groundwater Compliance Action Plan New Rifle, Colorado, Processing Site (Docket No. WM-00062)

To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management (LM) has received the subject U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) assessment of LM's September 2019 submittal responding to NRC's previous request for additional information (RAI) for the *Draft Groundwater Compliance Action Plan for the New Rifle, Colorado, Processing Site* (GCAP).

In its assessment, NRC determined three of LM's 15 responses were inadequate and warranted additional technical justification. NRC also identified six specific issues warranting additional technical justification or resolution. LM's responses to NRC's comments are enclosed, along with proposed technical scope for future evaluations required to update the conceptual site model. We look forward to NRC's review and concurrence with the proposed actions and encourage discussions with NRC staff to facilitate review and concurrence on the New Rifle processing site GCAP.

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