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Subject: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Review of United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) *FY-22 DOE-LM Bluewater Disposal Site, Bluewater, NM: Subsurface Investigation Plan, June 2022* (Docket 040-08902)

Dear Mr. Linton:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM), I want to thank NRC staff for participating in the meeting held on August 31, 2022, to review the *FY-22 DOE-LM Bluewater Disposal Site, Bluewater, NM: Subsurface Investigation Plan, June 2022* prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

We appreciate and value the comments NRC submitted in a letter dated September 7, 2022. DOE and USACE have considered these comments in preparation of the final work plan.

Enclosed is DOE's response to NRC comments and the final work plan, *FY-23 DOE-LM Bluewater Disposal Site, Bluewater, NM: Subsurface Investigation Plan, June 2023*. No other action is requested at this time.

USACE is on schedule to execute their subsurface investigation field work in the August/September 2023 time frame. DOE looks forward to continuing our cooperative work at the Bluewater, New Mexico, Disposal Site to ensure the protectiveness of the main tailings disposal cell.

Please contact me at (720) 450-2939 or Nicole.Olin@lm.doe.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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