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Re: CMRR Project

Dear Mr. Tegtmeier:

This letter serves to provide input from Los Alamos County relative to the scoping period for the supplemental environmental impact statement for the nuclear facility portion of the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Building Replacement (CMRR) project. The County of Los Alamos is in complete support of this effort.

The CMRR project is critical to our country's national security missions including nuclear nonproliferation programs and for maintaining the continued safety and reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile. Moving forward with this new facility will help ensure that NNSA can fulfill its mission-critical capabilities into the foreseeable future.

The economic development impact from such a project cannot be underestimated as well. The new facility will create ongoing jobs at the laboratory in addition to the employment opportunities created by the award of the various contracts associated with construction. The economic impact from such a project will be felt throughout the State of New Mexico.

The development of this facility will also provide better safety for both LANL employees as well as the surrounding community. Once complete, this project will replace a facility that was originally constructed in 1952. Many of its structures, systems and components are aged, outmoded, and deteriorated. In addition, a seismic fault trace was discovered in 1999 beneath two wings of the current facility, raising concerns about its structural integrity. A new facility with state of the art technology will bring with it increased safety as will moving the building to its new proposed location,

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The County of Los Alamos appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments on the CMRR project. For the reasons explained above, the County is in full support of this project and looks forward to seeing it through to completion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael E. Wismer".

Michael E. Wismer, Council Chair
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