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RE: Work Plan: Use Attainability Analysis for Tijeras Arroyo; Rio Grande to Four Hills Bridge Reach (Assessment Unit ID NM-9000.A_70).

Dear Mr. Todd:

On June 20, 2017, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED or Department) received the above referenced draft work plan via electronic transmission from Sandia National Laboratory/New Mexico (SNL/NM). On July 20, 2017, staff with the NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) met with representatives of SNL/NM to discuss the draft Tijeras Arroyo Hydrology Protocol-Use Attainability Analysis Work Plan (HP-UAA). This work plan proposes performing NMED's Hydrology Protocol to develop a HP-UAA for a section of Tijeras Arroyo from its confluence with the Rio Grande river upstream to the Four Hills Rd SE bridge. On September 21, 2017, the SWQB provided written comments to the work plan to which SNL/NM responded via electronic transmission on December 20, 2017 with a revised work plan for the above-mentioned HP-UAA.

Following review, and pursuant to 20.6.4.15.D New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) the workplan as submitted to SWQB on December 20, 2017 (dated October 23, 2017), is hereby approved. In the event SNL/NM determines a deviation from this approved work plan becomes necessary, SNL/NM shall consult with the SWQB to determine the appropriate course of action for the HP-UAA.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bryan Dail, at bryan.dail@state.nm.us or (505) 476-3799.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

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