



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. James C. Kenney  
Cabinet Secretary  
New Mexico Environment Department  
1190 Saint Francis Drive, Suite N4050  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Mr. Kenney:

Thank you for your January 31, 2024, letter requesting information on the Environmental Management, Los Alamos (EMLA) field office manager position. We appreciate your ongoing support of the EMLA mission to clean up legacy contamination and waste resulting from nuclear weapons development and government-sponsored nuclear research at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The EMLA field office manager's role is crucial for ensuring the safe and effective cleanup of the site, as well as meaningful collaboration with the local community.

Recruiting a qualified candidate to enable us to fill this position quickly is already well underway. We worked closely with the National Nuclear Security Administration so that Michael Mikolanis could remain at Los Alamos to provide time to transition work activities. We envision ongoing consultations between the former and future field office managers once the new manager comes onboard.

We, too, recognize Michael's extensive involvement in the negotiations on revisions to the Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order). We are committed to his continued involvement as we work to reach agreement on an appropriately revised Consent Order, as this is a high priority for me and the entire Department of Energy EM Office.

If you have any questions, please contact me or my Chief of Staff, Ms. Cathy Tullis, at (202) 586-3857.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William White".

William I. White  
Senior Advisor for Environmental Management

cc: Arturo Duran, EMLA