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Good afternoon,

Last week the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) brought a lawsuit against the Department of Energy (DOE) over the failed 2016 Consent Order for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). This is an important lawsuit for the Buckman Direct Diversion Board to be aware of and monitor. CCNS is urging the Environment Department to create opportunities for the public to participate in the negotiations. We are also recommending the Department update and reissue its May 2, 2002 *Imminent and Substantial Endangerment to Health or the Environment Determination* that supported the draft Consent Order. CCNS urges the BDDDB to also recommend to the Department these two items.

Recent reports and data from the NMED and LANL reveal the evidence of PFASs in the canyon bottoms and springs at the Rio Grande. There are detections below the 70 parts per trillion (ppt), as well as exceedances in the environmental samples.

We had hoped to be able to submit a map of the contamination to the Board today. Once it has been finalized, we will submit it to the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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