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EXHIBIT 11

May 4, 2017

Mr. Samuel Coleman, Acting Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202
By email and Certified Mail

RE: Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety Request To Terminate NPDES #NM0028355
For Los Alamos National Laboratory Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Lindsay Lovejoy and I have been hoping you would find time to make a final decision on the above referenced request to terminate the NPDES permit for outfall #31 at Los Alamos National Laboratory for the Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment facility due to lack of use (and lack of intent to use) this permitted outfall. This matter was referred to the Office of the Region VI Administrator by our letter of March 9, 2017 which referenced the decision of Mr.Thomas Rucki on March 2, 2017 inviting referral of the matter to the Regional Administrator. Our letter specifically referred this matter to your office for the purpose of obtaining an Administrator's final decision.

While we realized that you have only recently taken over as Acting Administrator for Region VI, if we are correct in the details of our filing, this is a significant public health and safety issue. That is due to the higher level of oversight, specifically directed at the production and storage of hazardous waste, which RCRA requires. The current regulation of this non-discharging facility under a state groundwater discharge permit does not afford the level of protection of public health and safety that Congress intended would apply to the facility at issue in this case.

We hope that you will consider this issue and take the final action necessary for us to move forward.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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