

Memorandum

Date: October 29, 2025
To: Buckman Direct Diversion Board
From: Kyle Harwood, BDD Board Counsel
Via: Brad Prada, BDD Facilities Manager
Subject: Update regarding Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Department of Energy and the Buckman Direct Diversion Board Regarding Notification and Water Quality Monitoring

Item and Issue:

Except for our funding request of LANL for the Rio Grande sampling program, the BDD Board staff, consultants and counsel have reached an agreement with LANL's EM-LA (Environmental Management-Los Alamos) staff on a recommended Memorandum of Understanding.

The areas of recent agreement include:

1. The MOU will be effective for calendar years 2026, 2027 and 2028, with an effective date before the end of the calendar year 2025.
2. The E110.7 gage, located near the confluence of the Los Alamos/Pueblo canyon and the Rio Grande, will be modified such that the camera (with night functionality) shall be pointed upstream so that LA/P Canyon flows can be determined even when the Rio Grande may be in flood stage. The approval of Pueblo de San Ildefonso will be required for this new camera alignment.
3. Clarifications to the map that is an exhibit to the MOU.
4. Changes to the description of reporting by LANL EM-LA to NMED of LA/Pueblo canyon environmental monitoring.

As soon as BDD staff receive a response from LANL EM-LA on our proposed funding request for Rio Grande sampling, the proposed MOU will be presented to the BDD Board for action.

