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Dear Mr. ^{→ Rick} Glass:

Subject: TA-18 BIO

At our partnering meeting and again at the first UC-DOE Appendix O review, it became clear to me that LANL had not represented the situation regarding the TA-18 BIO review accurately.

As you can see from the attached memo, the LAAO comments on the BIO were technically focused and to the point. In contrast, the preparation of the BIO was affected by the numerous LANL comments that did not serve a constructive purpose.

I would like to apologize to you and David for this misrepresentation of the facts. I did not have the appropriate information at those meetings. This situation is being corrected so we do not have a similar problem in the future.

Sincerely,



John C. Browne
Director

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Subject: Status of TA-18 BIO

Per your request, the following is the current status of the TA-18 BIO.

The 100% completion date for the TA-18 BIO, per Appendix O, is May 31. The 90% document was transmitted to LAAO on Monday, April 16. The draft TSRs will be sent to LAAO later this week. LAAO will need up to 30 days to review and comment. Thus, to get a finished document by May 31 remains a challenge, but one that still appears possible to meet.

The good news is that the working relationships between the Los Alamos BIO team and the LAAO Authorization Basis team appear to be excellent. They have been working hard in partnership to resolve all of the major issues and strive to complete the BIO on time. The LAAO comments have been technically focused and to the point. All the LAAO comments are addressed in the 90% document. All the technically relevant internal comments have also been addressed.

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