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Dear Dr. Dinwiddie:

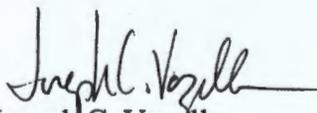
Subject: Extension Request for Response to Supplemental Information for the Hydrogeologic Workplan

The Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) are writing to request an extension to your Request for Supplemental Information for the Hydrogeologic Workplan, which was received from your office on November 20, 1997. Our request is to move the due date for the response to February 27, 1998.

The Groundwater Integrating Team (GIT) is currently in the process of reviewing and developing responses to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) comments. However, the extension request is necessary to be able to prepare adequate responses to the significant number and complexity of the comments you have provided. In addition, many of the staff resources that are needed to address the NMED comments are simultaneously engaged in preparing the Hydrogeologic Workplan Annual Report that is due to your office in March of 1998. Therefore, approval of this extension request would be greatly appreciated.

Should you desire additional discussion regarding this request, please feel free to contact Bonnie Koch of my staff at (505) 665-7202, or Charlie Nylander, LANL ESH-18, at (505) 665-4681. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


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