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**RE: SAMPLING NOTIFICATION AND TIME EXTENSION FOR RCRA
ACTIVITIES AS A RESULT OF THE CERRO GRANDE FIRE
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY NM0890010515**

Dear Dr. Browne and Mr. Gurulé:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is granting Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL) a "blanket" time extension of 30 days for Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) submittals to accommodate the activities in response to the Cerro Grande fire. This includes outstanding responses to Request for Supplemental Information (RSI) and Notice of Deficiency (NOD) for permit and corrective action activities. LANL should add an additional 30 days to the date that the response is or was originally due.

Also, NMED is granting a waiver to the 10-day sampling notification requirement of the HSWA, Module VIII, Section I(4)b, to expedite fire-related field activities (e.g. canyon contaminant transport and accelerated remediation high performing teams) for the next forty-five (45) days. The sampling activities should be relayed verbally to the point-of-contact at HRMB. All other corrective action activities occurring under normal conditions, not related to areas affected by the Cerro Grande fire, shall continue to provide the required 10-day sampling notification. Also, release notification and other reporting requirements should continue to be reported in accordance with the Hazardous Waste Permit and the Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, 20 NMAC 4.1.

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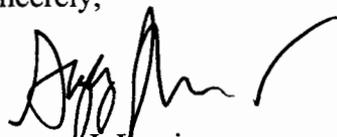


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