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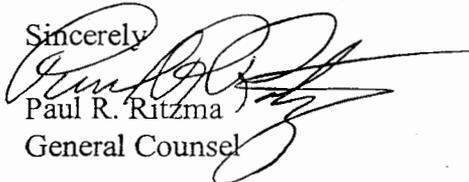
Subject: 30-Day Extension Of Deadline For Notice Of Violation For Failure To Submit A Permit Modification Requests Prior To Conveyances Or Transfers Of Property Under Public Law 105-119, Section 632, At Los Alamos National Laboratory EPA ID: NM0890010515

Dear Ms. Blake:

This is to confirm NMED's understanding of your oral request made on November 19, 2002 for a 30-day extension in which to respond to the Notice of Violation (NOV) issued to the University of California Regents and U.S. Department of Energy (collectively "the Permittees") for failure to submit permit modification requests prior to conveyances or transfers of property under Pubic Law 105-119, Section 632 ("PL 105-119"), to the U.S. Department of Interior, the County of Los Alamos, and/or the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department.

Per your oral request, NMED, by this letter, grants the 30-day extension in which to respond to the NOV on the understanding that additional time is needed by the United States to formulate a response or proposal that would address the current violations and future scheduled transfers. In addition, it is our understanding that the documents and schedules relevant to the transfers at issue in this NOV and future transfers will be sent to NMED as soon as possible along with your confirmation of the understanding reached concerning this extension.

Sincerely



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