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**RE: EXTENSION REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF THE  
GROUNDWATER BACKGROUND REPORT, WELL SCREEN ANALYSIS  
REPORT AND PILOT WELL REHABILITATION STUDY RESULTS  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and Phelps:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (collectively, the "Respondents") extension request for submittal of the *Well Screen Analysis Report, Revision 1*, and the proposed submittal dates of the *Groundwater Background Investigation Report* and the *Summary of Pilot Well Rehabilitation Study Initial Results*, dated December 22, 2006 and referenced by EP2006-1104. This request was received after an NMED approval of the schedule for submittal of these documents dated December 13, 2006. The Respondents' appeal for an extension is based on recent discussions with NMED regarding changes to background sample locations and reflects the time needed to modify the text and statistics included in the background report. The Respondents propose new submittal dates for the following documents:

- 1) *Groundwater Background Investigation Report, Revision 2* – Approved submittal date December 22, 2006, requested extension for submittal, February 5, 2007;



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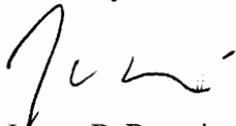
- 2) *Well Screen Analysis Report Revision 1* and NOD response – Approved submittal date January 31, 2007, requested extension for submittal, February 16, 2007; and
- 3) *Summary of Pilot Well Rehabilitation Study Initial Results* – Approved submittal date February 28, 2007, requested extension for submittal, March 16, 2005.

Many submittals required under the March 1, 2005 Consent Order are linked to the approval of the documents listed above because of characterization, risk assessment and other corrective action decisions upon which they rely. Therefore, approval of certain Consent Order documents may be delayed. For example, the Mortandad Canyon Investigation Report, the 16-260 Outfall Corrective Measures Evaluation for Intermediate and Regional Groundwater, and the Corrective Measures Study at Material Disposal Area H, may be disapproved because of a lack of an approved background groundwater data set, a reliable assessment of monitoring wells, and an assessment of methods to rehabilitate monitoring wells producing unrepresentative monitoring data.

NMED, with some hesitation, hereby grants the Respondents' request for an extension of time

Should you have any questions, please contact John Young of my staff at (505) 476-6038.

Sincerely,



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