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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE REPORT FOR
RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT OF MULTISCREEN WESTBAY WELLS
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

Dear Messrs Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security (LANS), L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) *Extension Request for the Report for Reliability Assessment of Multiscreen Westbay Wells* (Request) dated January 14, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0039.

The Permittees request that the submittal of the subject report be extended from April 11, 2011 to July 29, 2011. The Permittees' attribute the need for the requested extension to an unexpected change in subcontractor availability. NMED considers this to be good cause and hereby grants an extension to submit the report from April 11, 2011 to **July 29, 2011**.

The Request also contains an attachment illustrating the Permittees' responses to NMED's *Approval with Modifications, Work Plan to Conduct Reliability Assessment of*

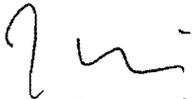


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Multiscreened Westbay Wells, Los Alamos National Laboratory, dated June 15, 2010.
The Permittees request NMED's concurrence or comments concerning the attached responses. NMED has reviewed the attachment and concurs with the Permittees' responses.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673.

Sincerely,



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