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December 21 2011

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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST
TO COMPLETE TEN PLUGGED AND ABANDONED WELLS IN 2011
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-GW-MISC**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension to Complete Ten Plugged and Abandoned Wells in 2011* (Request) dated December 14, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0412.

The Permittees request to extend the completion for the plugging and abandonment of ten wells from December 30, 2011 to February 15, 2012. As stated in the Permittees' Request, technical difficulties have arisen at several wells that have delayed the completion of the project. The technical difficulties that have occurred warrant additional time to complete the plugging and abandonment of all ten wells; therefore, NMED approves the requested time extension to complete the project from December 30, 2011 to **February 15, 2012**. As stated in the Request, the Permittees must submit a report summarizing the plugging and abandonment activities to NMED no later than **March 31, 2012**.

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Please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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