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Mr. Benito Garcia DOE OVERSIGHT BUREAU
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SUBJECT: EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE IWP

Dear Mr. Garcia:

At our last monthly meeting (September 19, 1996), we discussed the submittal of the Los Alamos National Laboratory's Environmental Restoration (ER) Project Installation Work Plan (IWP). Revision 5 of our IWP is due to your office on November 15, 1996. However, due to the planning process we would like to request an extension of this date to December 20, 1996.

The main text of this version of the IWP has minor updates but will have a significant change in the schedule of activities (Appendix C). The ER Project is just now finishing the Baseline Replan for Fiscal Year 1997 (FY97) and the outyears of the Project. We have not yet received a budget allocation for funding for FY97; however, the replan for FY97 is based on a budget of \$48M for the first three months of the fiscal year and \$60M for the remainder of the year. As soon as the Department of Energy has determined the final budget for FY97, we will alter our present plan to reflect the real budget.

We plan to deliver the replan to your staff on or before October 23, 1996, and discuss changes with your staff prior to finalizing the replan. Because of the uncertainty of the budget and the time to incorporate comments, we expect the IWP submittal to be delayed by at least one month. It may be necessary to request a further extension depending on the amount of comments we receive; however, the one-month extension should be sufficient.

We request your approval of this extension request and ask you to contact Tracy Glatzmaier at (505) 665-2613 or Ted Taylor at (505) 665-7203 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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