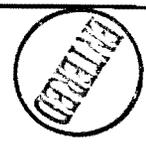


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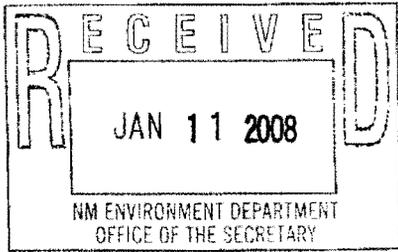
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Re: Request for 3-Week Extension of Time within which to Comment on the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, EPA Identification Number NM0890010515

Dear Secretary Curry:

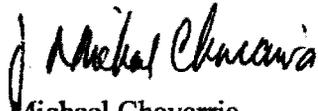
On behalf of Santa Clara Pueblo, I write to respectfully request an extension of time until January 31, 2008 within which the Pueblo may comment upon the above-referenced draft LANL permit now under consideration by the Hazardous Waste Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in accordance with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act.

I do understand that NMED has already granted one extension of time regarding the draft LANL permit until January 11, 2008. However, due to cultural activities, elections, and installment of new officers that occur starting in December through early January at the Pueblo, this was not a time in which we could work on comments. As you know, the administrative record surrounding this draft permit is voluminous. As I am sure you also are aware given NMED's recognition that environmental justice issues can occur based upon the cumulative impact of multiple sources of exposure to environmental hazards in Pueblo communities, Santa Clara Pueblo has considerable interest in ensuring hazardous and mixed waste at LANL is properly addressed given the close proximity of LANL to our 57,000-acre homeland. It is therefore extremely important to us to participate in this process and we hope you will grant us an extension of time within which to do so.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Michael Chavarria". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

J. Michael Chavarria
Governor

cc: Joseph M. Chavarria
Jessica Aberly

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