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Date: January 16, 2008  
Refer To: ENV-RCRA-08-012

Mr. James Bearzi, Chief  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO RESPOND TO NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY AND NOTICE OF DENIAL FOR THE TRANSURANIC WASTE FACILITY PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST, EPA ID NM890010515**

The purpose of this letter is to officially notify you that the National Nuclear Security Administration and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (NNSA/LANS) will be unable to respond to the Notice of Deficiency (dated November 13, 2007) and the Notice of Denial (December 20, 2007). Both of these documents request details concerning the Technical Area (TA) 52 Transuranic Waste Management Facility that are beyond what is available in the Conceptual Design (CD-1) package. Additionally, LANL cannot advance design work until the Conceptual Design package is approved and additional work is authorized by the Department of Energy (DOE).

NNSA/LANS appreciate the efforts taken by you and your staff to review the permit modification package submitted in August 2007 for this proposed facility. NNSA/LANS will utilize the information contained in those reviews to revise the modification package when the design of the facility has matured to the point where NMED questions can be completely answered.

As discussed on January 10, 2008, NNSA/LANS is requesting an indefinite extension to respond to the above mentioned Notices at this time. NNSA/LANS will continue to evaluate this situation and determine when it would be able to respond to them, request alternatives and potential interim solutions to addressing the handling of transuranic waste. NNSA/LANS will keep you apprised of these efforts and will seek your input into the most efficient strategy for moving ahead on this issue.



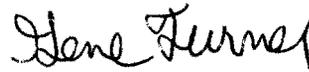
Thank you for your time and efforts. Please contact Jack Ellvinger at (505) 667-0633 with any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,



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