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March 13, 2001

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**RE: APPROVAL OF EXTENSION REQUEST –  
FEBRUARY 12, 2001 INFORMATION REQUEST LETTER  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID NO. 0890010515**

Dear Dr. Browne and Mr. Gurule:

This letter is in response to the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Facility request for an extension to the time period for submittal of information due under the above-referenced letter. The requirement for submittal of the information is contained in Information Request #18 in the letter from me, Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB) Chief, New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), to John Browne and David Gurule, of the LANL Facility. The February 12 letter required that sampling data for certain sites be submitted to HWB by March 1, 2001. The request for an extension of time and a proposal to make a partial submittal by May 1, an additional partial submittal by June 1, and a final submittal by July 1, 2001, is contained in a letter from David Gurule to me dated March 1, 2001.

NMED approves the request for an extension in accordance with the following terms:

1. NMED approves a submittal date of March 16, 2001, for submittal of all requested data that is stored at the LANL Facility in electronic format.
2. NMED approves a submittal date of April 1, 2001, for submittal of confirmatory/verification sample results that are stored at the LANL Facility in paper



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2. NMED approves a submittal date of May 1, 2001, for submittal of screening data that are stored at the LANL Facility in paper format.
3. NMED approves submittal dates of May 1, 2001, June 1, 2001, and July 1, 2001, for submittal of the remaining requested data that is in paper format. Data is to be submitted in stages as it is located and copied, with all data requested under Information Request #18 to be submitted by July 1, 2001. The LANL Facility must make reasonable efforts to submit as much of the data as is practicable by the earlier dates.

The LANL Facility must submit the data in the form in which it currently exists, whether or not the data has been subject to the LANL Facility's quality assurance procedures.

The LANL Facility must submit the requested data for all sites listed in Attachment A of the February 12 letter excepting only those sites for which NMED has determined that no further corrective action is necessary and thus approved a permit modification removing the site from the LANL Facility Permit under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The LANL Facility is required to submit data for sites that are active units, are undergoing closure, or for which the LANL Facility claims there are no hazardous constituents present.

The LANL Facility must submit to HWB two paper copies of all data and in addition two CD ROM copies of data that is stored in electronic format. The LANL Facility is not required to submit copies of the data to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

NMED does not approve of LANL Facility data being stored in an inaccessible format. NMED is concerned by the LANL Facility's assertion in the March 1 letter that submittal of sampling data will have an adverse effect on corrective action activities at the Facility. The LANL Facility has a responsibility to provide to NMED information in its possession about the nature and extent of hazardous waste contamination at the Facility.

The format required in the February 12 letter was agreed to by the LANL Facility for information submittals to NMED when the LANL Facility agreed to submit results of site investigations to NMED in the RCRA Facility Investigation Annotated Outline format. The LANL Facility should be capable of submitting electronic data to NMED, in a format previously agreed to, within fifteen days. Delays of from four to six months, as has been claimed to be required by the LANL Facility in responses to the February 12 letter, are not acceptable.

NMED grants this extension with the understanding that the LANL Facility will make such corrections to its data storage capabilities as are required to enable the Facility to access and provide information within a reasonable time period in response to future requests.

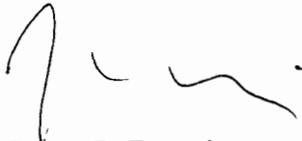
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If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Carl Will, HWB LANL Permits Project Leader, at 505-827-1557, extension 1031.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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