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**Subject: Request for Extension for the Submittal of the North Canyons Investigation Report**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

This letter requests an extension from the current due date of September 15, 2009, to October 31, 2009, to revise and submit the North Canyons Investigation Report (NCIR). The revision is required by the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) August 19, 2009, notice of disapproval (NOD) of the NCIR. The extension is requested because the NOD includes a requirement (specifically, comment 3) for which the Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) needs clarification before the report can be revised.

Comment 3 requires the Laboratory to include an evaluation of a "subsistence hunting scenario" as a current and reasonably foreseeable future land use. This scenario is not specifically required in the Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order), nor is it a scenario that has been evaluated by the Laboratory since the Consent Order was signed. All other scenarios evaluated in Laboratory reports that are required by the Consent Order follow an agreed-upon set of exposure parameters. Therefore, to ensure that the subsistence-hunter scenario is evaluated in a satisfactory manner, the Laboratory would like to engage NMED staff to establish the key exposure parameters or to otherwise develop a process for evaluating the required scenario. The Laboratory believes the analysis and the magnitude of the changes to the report will be too extensive to meet the September 15, 2009, deadline.

The Laboratory's would like to submit a response to the NOD by the original due date of September 15, 2009; once NMED accepts the proposed responses, the Laboratory will incorporate the information in the NCIR, and submit the revised report to NMED by October 31, 2009.



The Laboratory appreciates your consideration of this request for extension. If you have any questions, please contact Danny Katzman at (505) 667-6333 (katzman@lanl.gov) or Suzy Schulman at (505) 606-1962 (sschulman@doeal.gov).

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