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**RE: APPROVAL OF EXTENSION REQUEST
NORTH CANYONS INVESTIGATION REPORT (NCIR)
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-09-029**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) September 4, 2009 *Request for Extension for the Submittal of the North Canyons Investigation Report* (Request), and referenced by EP2009-0442.

In the Request, the Permittees indicated that the subsistence hunting scenario has not been previously evaluated by the Permittees and additional clarification from NMED was needed before the NCIR could be revised. The Request also indicated that additional time was required in order to establish agreed-upon key exposure parameters necessary to evaluate the scenario.

NMED has reviewed the Request and finds that the Permittees have shown good cause for the requested extension. NMED hereby approves an extension to October 31, 2009 for submittal of the Permittees' response to the August 19, 2009 Notice of Disapproval (NOD) and submittal of the revised NCIR. The Notice date is hereby extended to November 30, 2009.



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The Permittees must submit a partial response to the NOD by September 15, 2009. The response to NOD comment number 3 will be delayed to ensure that the subsistence hunting scenario is evaluated in a satisfactory manner.

Please contact Daniel Comeau at (505) 476-6043, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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