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**RE: EXTENSION REQUEST APPROVAL TO COMPLETE  
PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT OF  
TEST WELLS TW-1 AND TW-1A  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-GW-MISC**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C. and U.S. Department of Energy (the Permittees) extension request entitled *Request for Extension in Time to Plug and Abandon Test Wells TW-1 and TW-1a* (hereafter, the Request) dated October 30, 2009 and referenced by EP2009-0564. The Permittees request to postpone the plugging and abandonment of TW-1 and TW-1a in order to avoid any interference with activities associated with construction of the grade-control structure in lower Pueblo Canyon that must be completed by January 2010.

The Permittees have shown good cause for the extension; therefore, NMED grants the extension subject to the following conditions. The Permittees must provide the following:

1. Work plans for the plugging and abandonment of TW-1 and TW-1a by **December 15, 2009**;
2. Written notification to NMED no less than 15 days prior to the start of plugging and abandoning TW-1 and TW-1a in accordance with Order Section III.O.
3. Completion reports for the abandonment of wells TW-1 and TW-1a by **April 28, 2010** and **May 25, 2010**, respectively, as stated in the Request.



Messrs. Gregory and McInroy

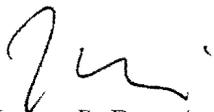
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In addition, the Permittees must comply with applicable New Mexico Office of the State Engineer requirements for *Well Driller Licensing; Construction, Repair and Plugging of Wells* (19.27.4 NMAC).

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673.

Sincerely,



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