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Subject: Request for Extension for Submitting the Phase II Investigation Report for Pueblo Canyon Aggregate Area

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) is requesting an extension to the deadline for submitting the Phase II Investigation Report for Pueblo Canyon Aggregate Area. This report is a stipulated deliverable and is currently due June 30, 2010.

All characterization work described in the approved phase II investigation work plan dated October 2008, has been completed at Solid Waste Management Units 00-018(a) and 31-001; Areas of Concern (AOCs) 00-030(eS) and 00-030(h); and Consolidated Unit 45-001-00. However, because the Laboratory has been unable to negotiate an access agreement for the area requiring remediation at AOC 00-030(h), which is located off of U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) property, the proposed remediation of this AOC has not been started. As stated in the phase II investigation work plan: "All activities are contingent upon the approval of respective property owners and the conditions-of-access agreement among DOE, LANS (Los Alamos National Security), which manages the Laboratory, and the property owners."

In addition, the County of Los Alamos (the County) is initiating a project in the head of Acid Canyon adjacent to the outfall from AOC 00-030(h), a former septic system. Due to the steep and wooded nature of the slopes leading into the drainage and the location of roadways and private parking lots adjacent to the site, space for equipment and waste containers is extremely limited and therefore the remediation of AOC 00-030(h) cannot take place concurrently with the County's work. The County expects to start their project by the early May 2010, and take less than a month to complete.



The Laboratory anticipates that if an access agreement is obtained and the County's project is completed by the end of May 2010, AOC 00-030(h) can be remediated and a final report submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department by the end of August 2010. Therefore, the Laboratory requests an extension to the stipulated submittal date for the Phase II Investigation Report for Pueblo Canyon Aggregate Area to August 31, 2010.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or wish to visit the site again, please contact Becky Coel-Roback at (505) 665-5011 (becky_cr@lanl.gov) or Cheryl Rodriguez at (505) 665-5330 (crodriguez2@doeal.gov).

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