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June 2, 2010

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**RE: APPROVAL  
REQUEST EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF WELL R-3  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID #NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request Extension of Time for the Completion of Well R-3* (Request) dated May 18, 2010 and referenced by EP2010-0243.

The Permittees state in the Request that the original R-3 borehole had to be abandoned due to drilling tools that could not be retrieved and they are encountering adverse drilling conditions in the second R-3 borehole that require additional time to be resolved. The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. NMED therefore grants the extension. Well R-3 must be completed by July 15, 2010. The well completion report must be submitted no later than December 13, 2010.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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