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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

January 30, 2012

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**RE: APPROVAL  
EXTENSION REQUEST  
TO PLUG AND ABANDON TEST WELL 3  
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EPA ID#NM0890010515  
HWB-LANL-GW-MISC**

Dear Messrs Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension to Complete Plug and Abandoned Test Well 3* (Request) dated January 20, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0015.

The Permittees request to extend the completion for the plugging and abandonment of Test Well 3 from January 27, 2012 to February 10, 2012. As stated in the Permittees' Request, unforeseen difficulties at well H-19 have altered the availability of the equipment needed to properly abandon Test Well 3. These difficulties warrant an extension for the plugging and abandonment of Test Well 3; therefore, NMED approves a time extension to plug and abandon Test Well 3 from December 20, 2011 to **February 10, 2012**. The Permittees must submit a report summarizing the plugging and abandonment of Test Well 3 to NMED no later than **March 31, 2012**.

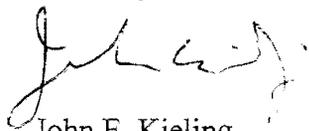
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Please contact Michael Dale at (505) 661-2673 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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