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Mr. James Bearzi
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION FOR SUBMITTAL OF BAYO CANYON
AGGREGATE AREA INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN AND HISTORICAL
INFORMATION REPORT**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The University of California and the Department of Energy (collectively the "Permittees") are in receipt of a letter from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) dated May 9, 2005 and referenced by "NMED TASK LANL 04-099." This letter provides comments on the Permittee's report entitled "RFI Report for Potential Release Sites 10-002(a,b), 10-003(a-o), 10-004(a,b), 10-005 and 10-007" and referenced by LA-UR-96-1284. The letter requests that these comments be addressed in the Bayo Canyon Aggregate Area Investigation Work Plan (work plan) which the Permittees are presently preparing in accordance with the March 1, 2005 Consent Order (Consent Order). As required by Section XII of the Consent Order, the work plan is due to NMED on or before June 30, 2005.

The work plan and associated historic information report (HIR) are substantially complete and are currently undergoing internal review and editing in preparation for a formal peer review. The Permittees request a 60-day extension for submittal of the work plan and HIR in order to evaluate the NMED comments, determine the resultant impacts on the work plan and HIR (including changes to the proposed investigation approach and sampling plans), and make necessary revisions to the work plan and HIR. A formal response to each of the comments would be submitted to NMED with the work plan and HIR. The revised date for submitting the work plan and HIR would be August 29, 2005.

Without this time extension, the Permittees will submit the work plan and HIR on June 30, 2005 but will be unable to fully address the comments in the work plan.

If you have any questions please contact Terry Rust at (505) 665-8843 or Bob Enz at (505) 667-7640.

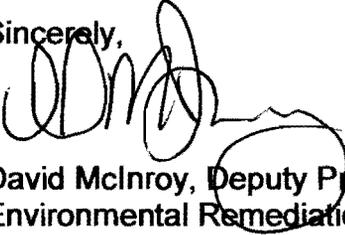


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Sincerely,



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