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RE: APPROVAL OF EXTENSION REQUEST REMOVAL OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBs) LOS ALAMOS SITE MONITORING AREA 2 (LA-SMA-2) LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EPA ID# NM0890010515 LANL-HWB-08-047

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

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) document entitled Request for Extension to Remove Polychlorinated Biphenyl-Contaminated Soils from LA-SMA-2 Due to Force Majeure dated February 25, 2010 and referenced by EP2010-0099. The request states that weather conditions have caused unavoidable delays in completing the removal of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)-contaminated soils from the LA-SMA-2 drainage. The letter also states that a threatened and endangered (T&E) species survey scheduled to be conducted between March 1 and May 15, 2010 prevents completion of the soil removal activities prior to the May 1, 2010 due date for submittal of a report summarizing the removal and stabilization activities at LA-SMA-2. The report is required by NMED's May 5, 2009 Approval With Modifications Los Alamos Site Monitoring Area 2 Interim Measure And Monitoring Plan to Mitigate Contaminated Sediment Transport In Los Alamos Canyon. The request states that the removal of PCB-contaminated soils will be "completed before the monsoons."



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NMED considers the aforementioned reasons to be good cause for the requested extension and hereby approves the request. The Permittees must still submit the required report summarizing all activities conducted to date at LA-SMA-2 by **May 1, 2010**. The Permittees must submit a supplemental report that documents the completion of the required removal of PCB-contaminated soils from the LA-SMA-2 drainage no later than **October 1, 2010**.

Please contact Dave Cobrain of my staff at (505) 476-6055 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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