



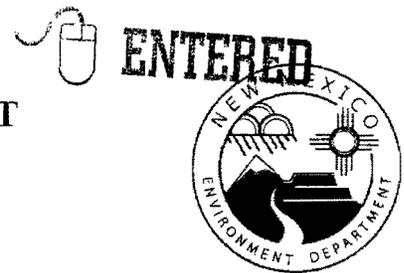
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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE
DIRECTION TO MODIFY FOR THE
PHASE II INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR
MIDDLE LOS ALAMOS CANYON AGGREGATE AREA, REVISION 1
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-11-022**

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 Modify the Phase II Investigation Report for Middle Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area, Revision 1* (Report) dated November 4, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0355.

The Permittees request the extension to submit the Report due to the need to focus on removal of transuranic (TRU) waste from Technical Area (TA) 54 to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, located in Eddy County, New Mexico. The need to remove TRU waste stored at TA-54 is aligned with Governor Martinez' policy to prioritize groundwater and surface water protection and accelerate the removal of TRU waste stored at Los Alamos National Laboratory.



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The Permittees stated cause for the requested time extension is acceptable. The submittal date for the Report is hereby postponed from November 30, 2011 to **November 30, 2013**, as requested. The results of investigation of the Middle Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area indicate that there is potential risk to human health and ecological receptors due to the presence of residual contamination in Los Alamos Canyon. The Permittees must notify NMED, within 30 days of receipt of such information, should funds become available in the future that allow for the modified Report to be submitted prior to November 30, 2013.

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

Sincerely,



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