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December 26, 2008

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**RE: APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF COMPLETION DATE FOR
REGIONAL MONITORING WELL R-45
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-MISC-GW**

Dear Messrs. Gregory and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension of Completion Date for Regional Monitoring Well R-45* (hereafter, the Request) dated December 19, 2008 and referenced by EP2008-0666.

The Permittees state in the Request that the 30-day extension will allow them to avoid potential borehole instability if the borehole is left inactive over the LANL holiday break when drilling activities are halted. NMED finds that the Permittees have shown good cause for the requested extension, and hereby grants an extension of completion of the regional monitoring well R-45 to January 30, 2009. The original due date for submittal of the well completion report, May 30, 2009, will remain unchanged.

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

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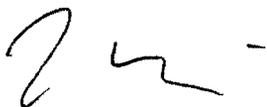
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