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RE: APPROVAL REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF THE PHASE II INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN FOR SANDIA CANYON EPA ID #NM0890010515 HWB-LANL-09-079

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension for the Submittal of the Phase II Investigation Work Plan for Sandia Canyon* (Request) dated May 3, 2010 and referenced by EP2010-0186.

The Permittees state in the Request that the extension will allow them to properly address the unexpectedly large scope of the Phase II investigation that was outlined in NMED's Approval with Modification letter dated February 9. 2010. The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. NMED therefore grants the extension. The Phase II Sandia Canyon Investigation Work Plan must be submitted no later than July 30, 2010.



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

Sincerely,

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