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Subject: Request for Extension to Submit the Final Design of Grade-Control Structure to Stabilize the Eastern End of Sandia Canyon Wetland Required by Approval with Modifications to the Phase II Investigation Work Plan for Sandia Canyon

Dear Mr. Keiling:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the date for submitting the Final Design for the Grade-Control Structure for Sandia Canyon Wetlands. The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) July 28, 2011, Approval with Modifications Force Majeure for the Las Conchas Wildfire extended the submittal date for the final design of the grade-control structure from August 31, 2011, to September 16, 2011. This extension of 11 business days was granted in accordance with Section III.H.3 of the Compliance Order on Consent (the Consent Order) based on the duration of the force majeure event. Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) have identified additional fire-related impacts that require further extension of the date for submitting the final design. Specifically, technical staff serving as key contributors to the final design were redeployed to fire response activities, including support to the Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team evaluating post-fire flood potential on and around Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) and setting up our post-fire monitoring program. This support has been completed and staff are now available to resume work on preparing the final design. Based on the redeployment of key staff away from the final design, LANS and DOE estimate a schedule impact of an additional 14 calendar days.

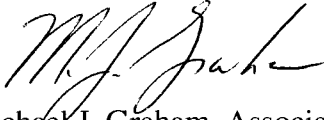
Pursuant to Section III.J.2 of the Consent Order, the LANS and DOE request a 14-day extension from September 16, 2011, to September 30, 2011, to submit the Final Design for the Grade-Control Structure for Sandia Canyon Wetlands.

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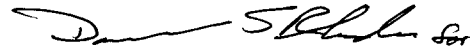
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Sincerely,



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