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Subject: Request for Extension for the Submittal of Nest Box Monitoring Report for the Upper Pajarito Canyon Watershed

Dear Mr. Keiling:

The Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) would like to request an extension on the Nest Box Monitoring Report for the Upper Pajarito Canyon Watershed from August 31, 2011, to December 15, 2012. As discussed with NMED staff in a meeting on May 26, 2011, the analysis of insects from these nest boxes by the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) congener method is the highest priority as part of this monitoring task. The Laboratory has completed the collection, drying, sorting, and weighing of insects from the upper Pajarito watershed nest boxes for the 2011 nesting season. Currently, sufficient sample mass is not available from the investigation areas to achieve the required detection limits for PCB congeners, and therefore, the desired data objectives cannot be met at this time. The Laboratory proposes to archive the existing samples and obtain additional sample mass from nest boxes in the upper Pajarito watershed during the 2012 nesting season. Insects collected in 2012 will be combined with existing material and submitted for analysis in August 2012 if sufficient sample mass is available at that time. The requested extension to December 15, 2012, will provide sufficient time for sample analysis, validation, data evaluation, and report preparation.

Pursuant to Section III.J.2 of the Compliance Order on Consent, the Laboratory requests a 470-day extension from August 31, 2011, to December 15, 2012, to submit the Nest Box Monitoring Report for the Upper Pajarito Canyon Watershed.



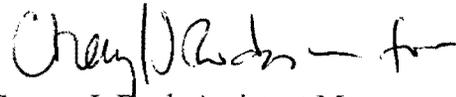
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